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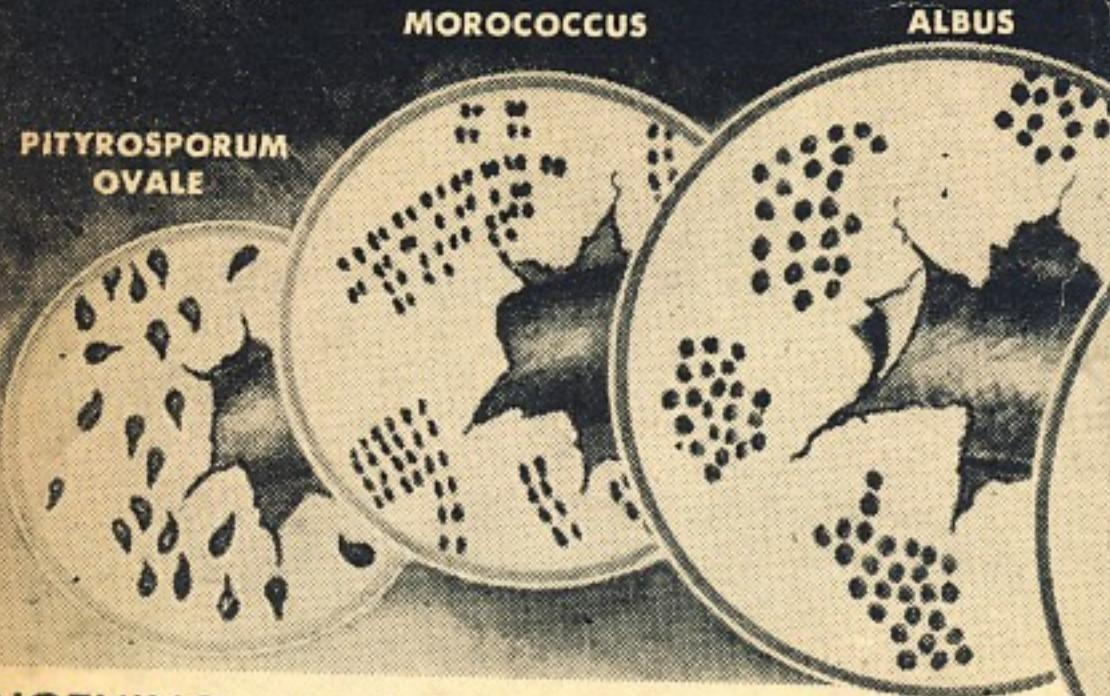


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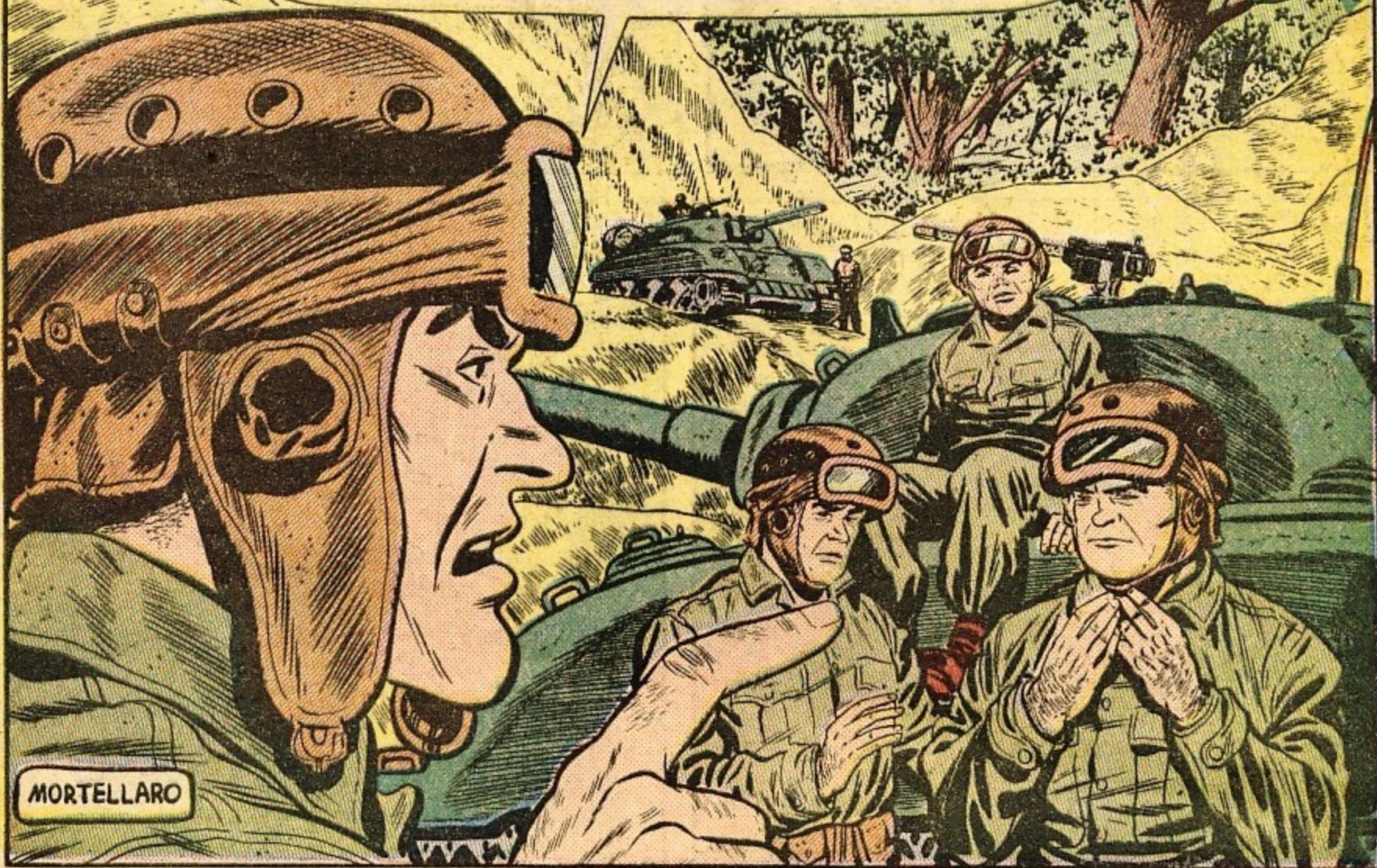
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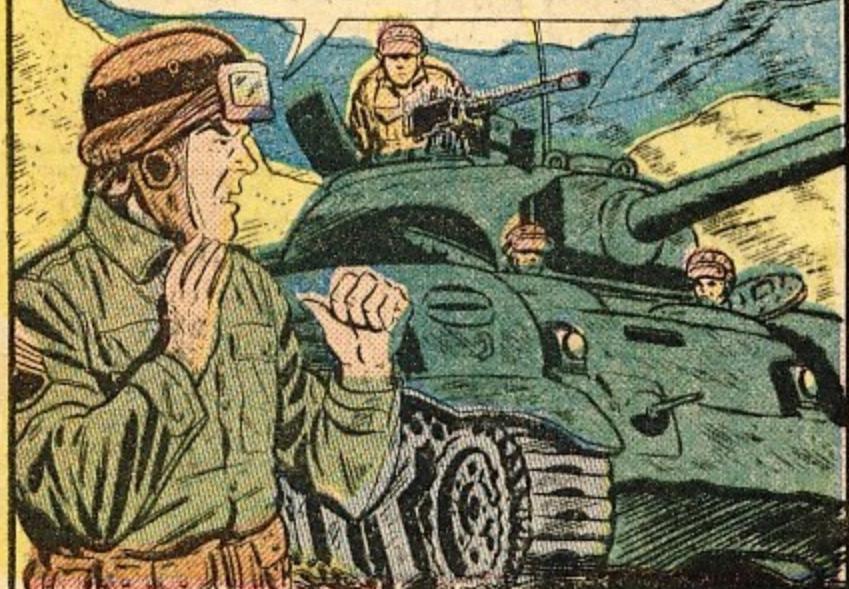
S/SGT. LUND WAS ROUGH AND HE WAS TOUGH...AND THE MEN OF HIS TANK HATED HIS GUTS...THEY FIGURED ALL HE WAS INTERESTED IN WERE MEDALS... HE WAS GOING TO GET THEM EVEN IF IT MEANT KILLING THE MEN UNDER HIM...THAT'S WHY THEY CALLED HIM...

the **GLORY★HOUND!**

ALL RIGHT, YOU GUYS...**GET THE LEAD OUT!** I'M YOUR NEW TANK COMMANDER AND THINGS ARE GONNA BE **DIFFERENT** AROUND HERE! YOU GUYS ARE GONNA OPERATE THE WAY **I** SAY, OR I'M GONNA GET MYSELF A NEW CREW!



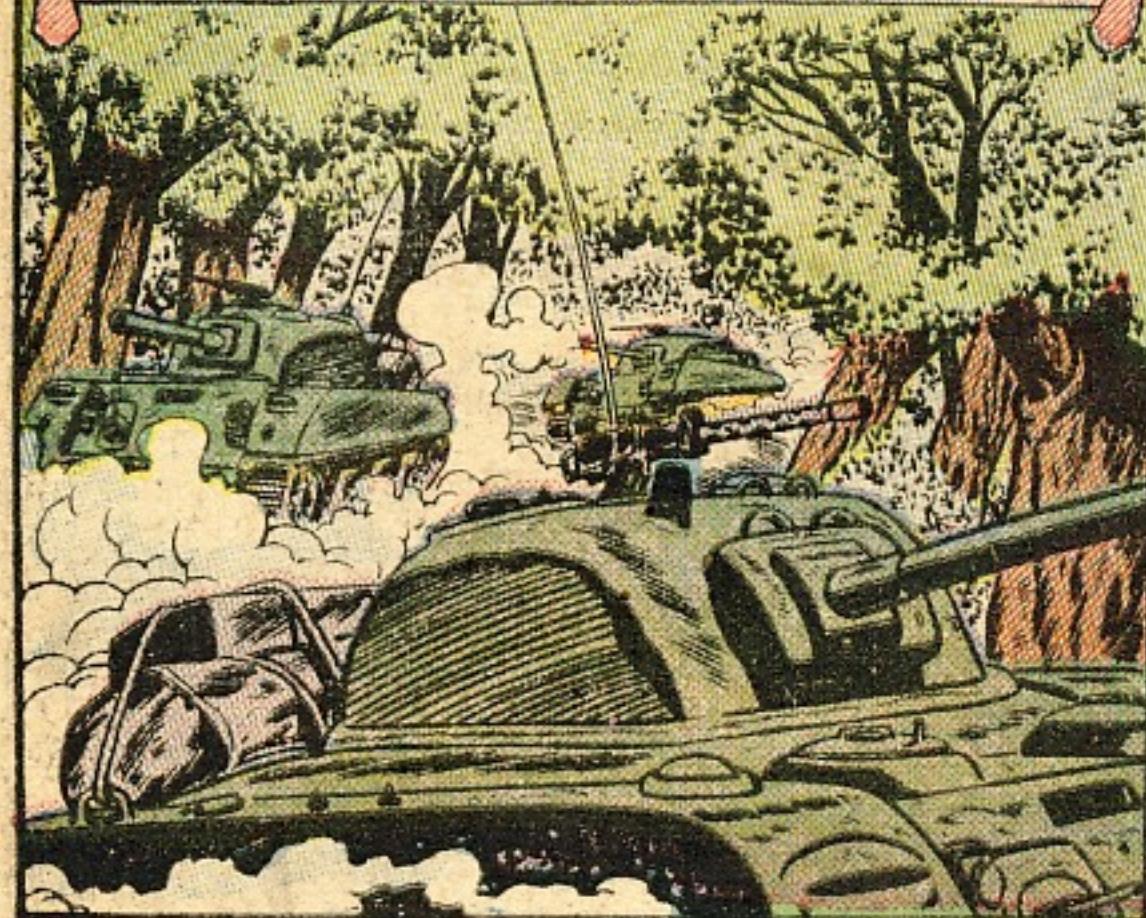
SO YOUR OLD BOSS GOT KNOCKED OFF...
SO WHAT! I DON'T AIM THAT SHOULD HAPPEN TO **ME**...NOT YET, ANYWAY! I GOT A LOT OF THINGS I WANT TO DO BEFORE THAT HAPPENS...AND YOU BOYS ARE GONNA HELP ME...**WHETHER YOU WANT TO OR NOT!**



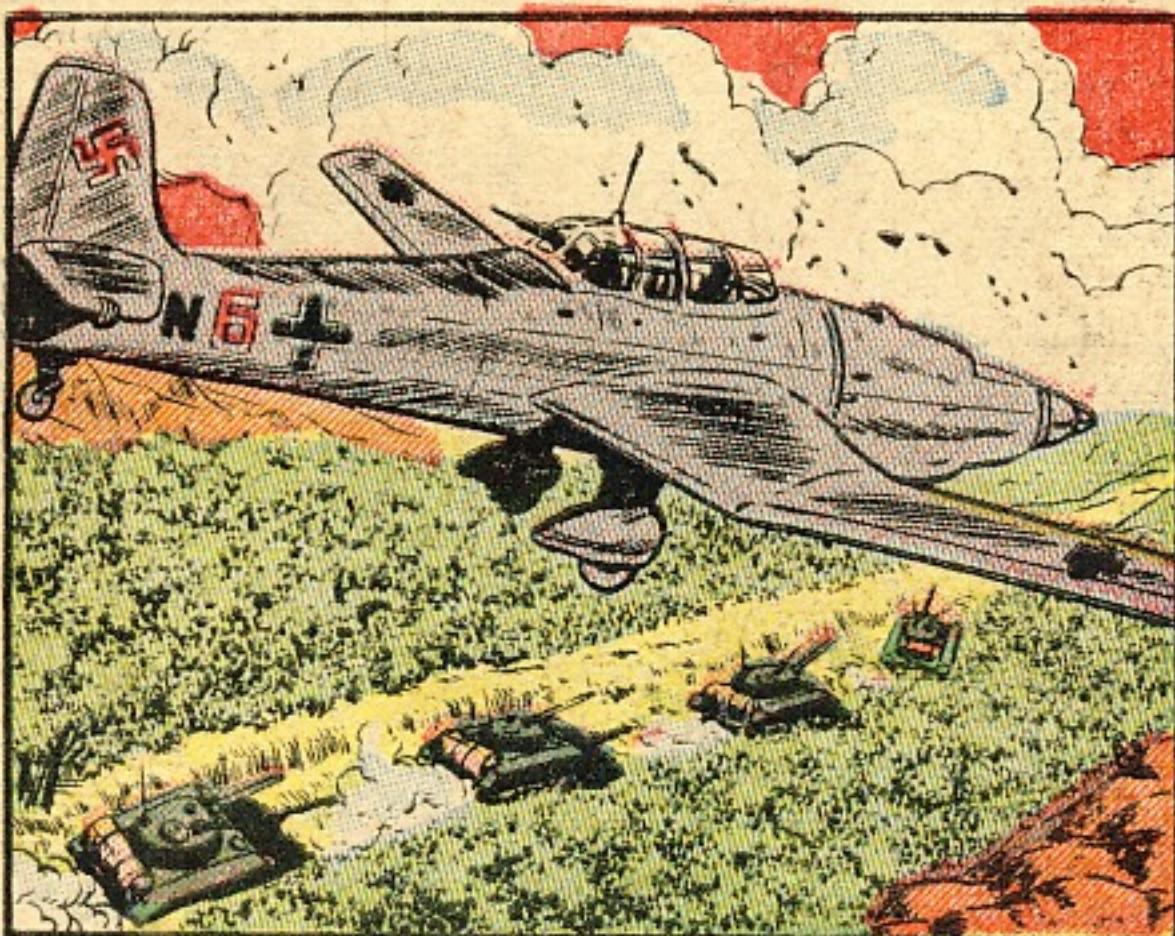
NOW THAT WE **UNDERSTAND** EACH OTHER, EVERYTHING'S GONNA BE OKAY... AS LONG AS YOU GUYS DO WHAT I TELL YOU! NOW LET'S GO...
ROLL 'EM!



AND SO THE TANK COLUMN MOVED OUT WITH S/SGT. LUND LEADING THE WAY...



BUT THEY WERE NOT ALONE IN THAT SECTION OF GERMANY... AN ME-109 HAD SPOTTED THEM...



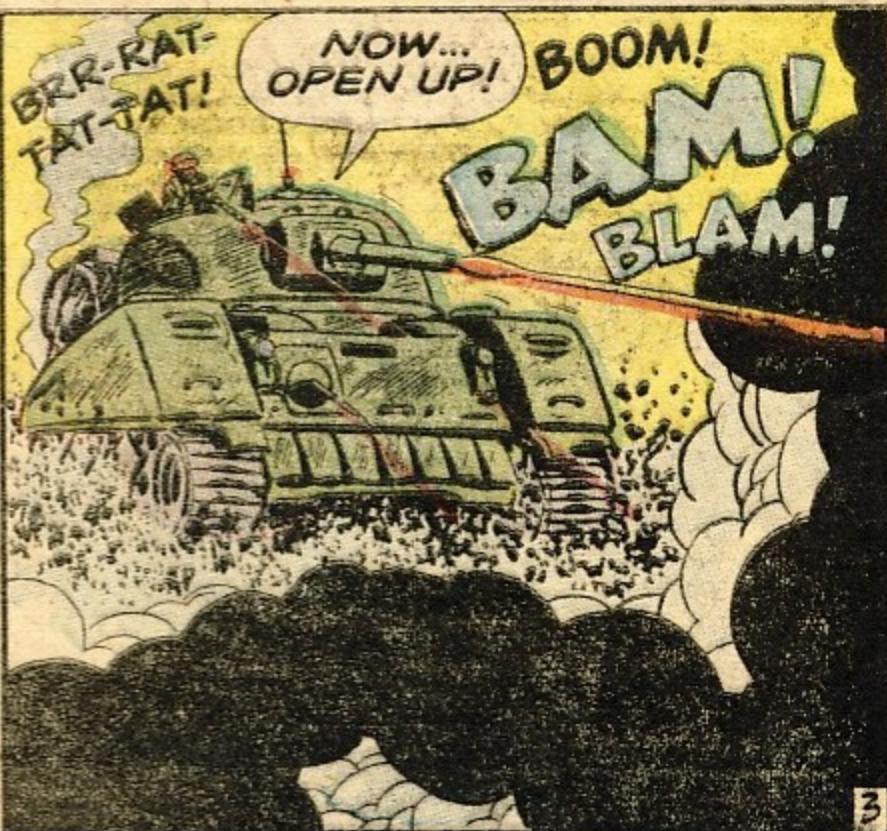
GET 'EM OFF THE ROAD, MEN! HE CAN'T GET AT US IN THE TREES!

NUTS TO **THAT!**
THIS TANK STAYS PUT!

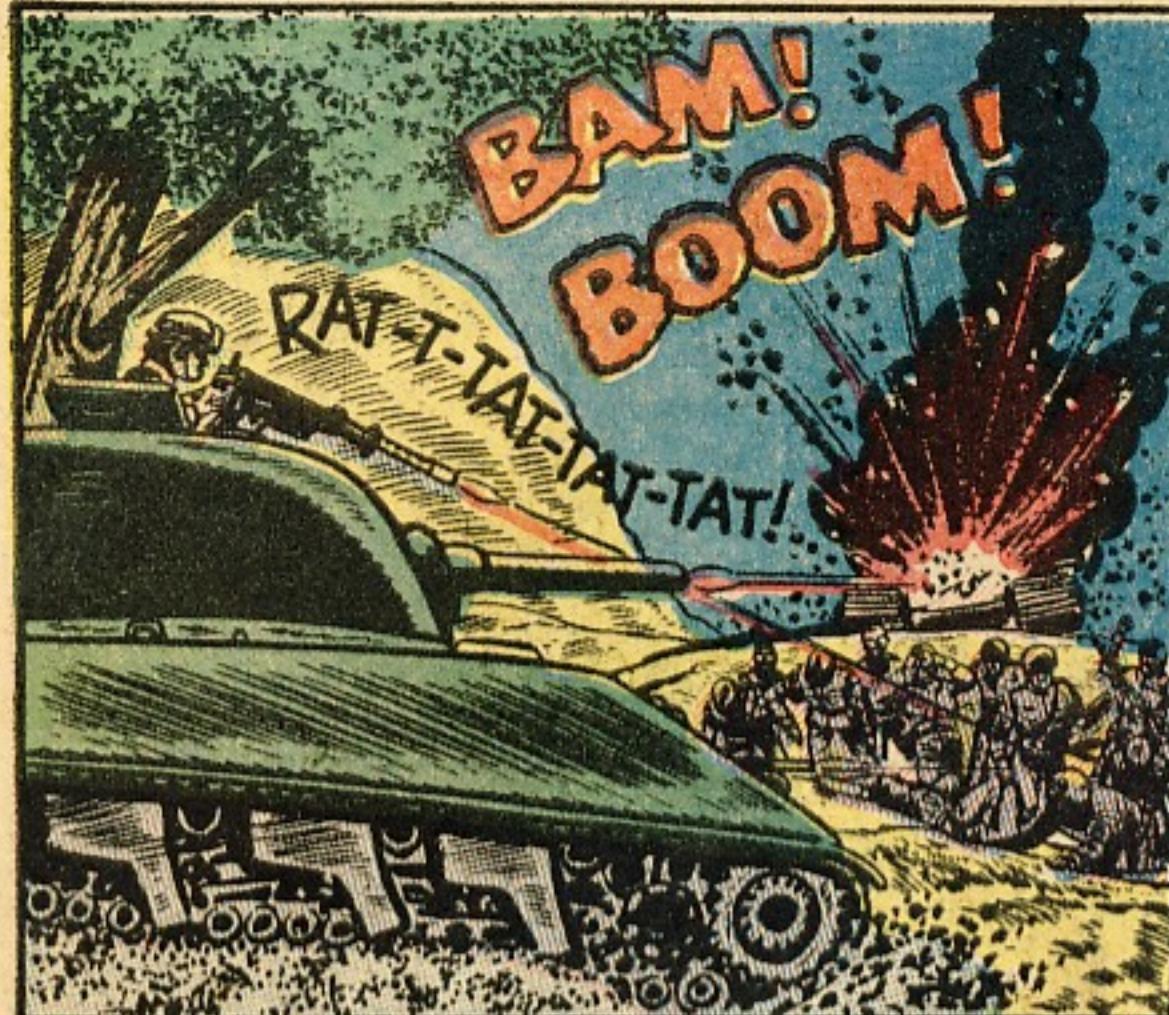


TRACK HIM FIRST, THEN GIVE HIM A BURST! THAT'S IT... NOW POUR IT ON!





THE FIRE POWER WAS WITHERING AND DEADLY...THE GERMANS HAD NO CHANCE!



A WHILE LATER, LUND HAD HIS TANK BACK AT THE REAR AREA...

WE SPOTTED 'EM ALL RIGHT, LIEUTENANT! EVEN WIPE OUT A WHOLE PATROL!

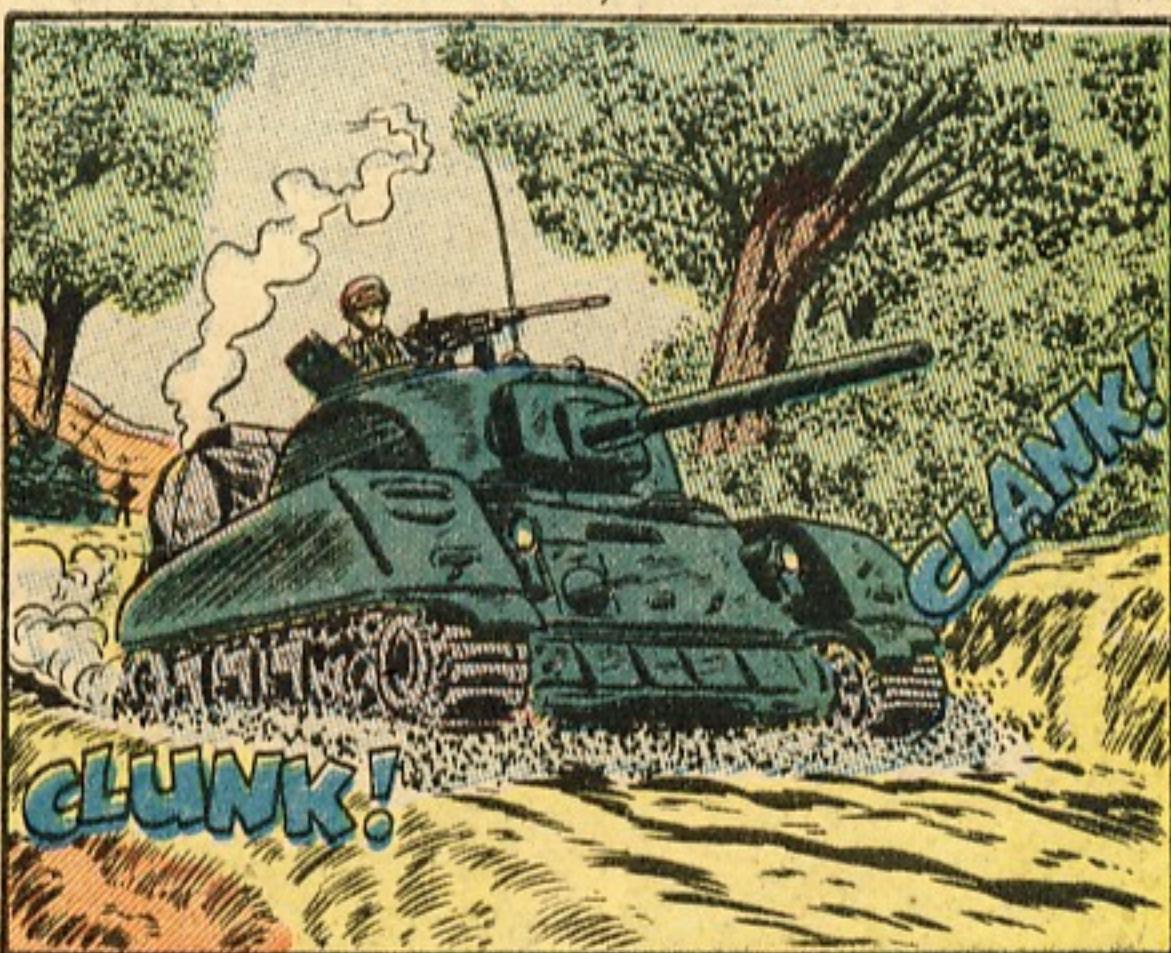
WHAT?



YOU DISOBeyed MY ORDERS AGAIN! NOW THE JERRYS KNOW WE'VE GOT TANKS IN THIS AREA...THERE'S NO TELLING WHAT THEY'LL DO! BUT YOU'RE GONNA FIND OUT... I'M SENDING YOU OUT ON PATROL AGAIN!



ONCE MORE THE TANK HEADED TOWARD THE ENEMY LINES... AND IF YOU LOOKED CLOSELY, YOU MIGHT SEE A HAPPY SMIRK PLAYING AROUND S/SGT. LUND'S LIPS...

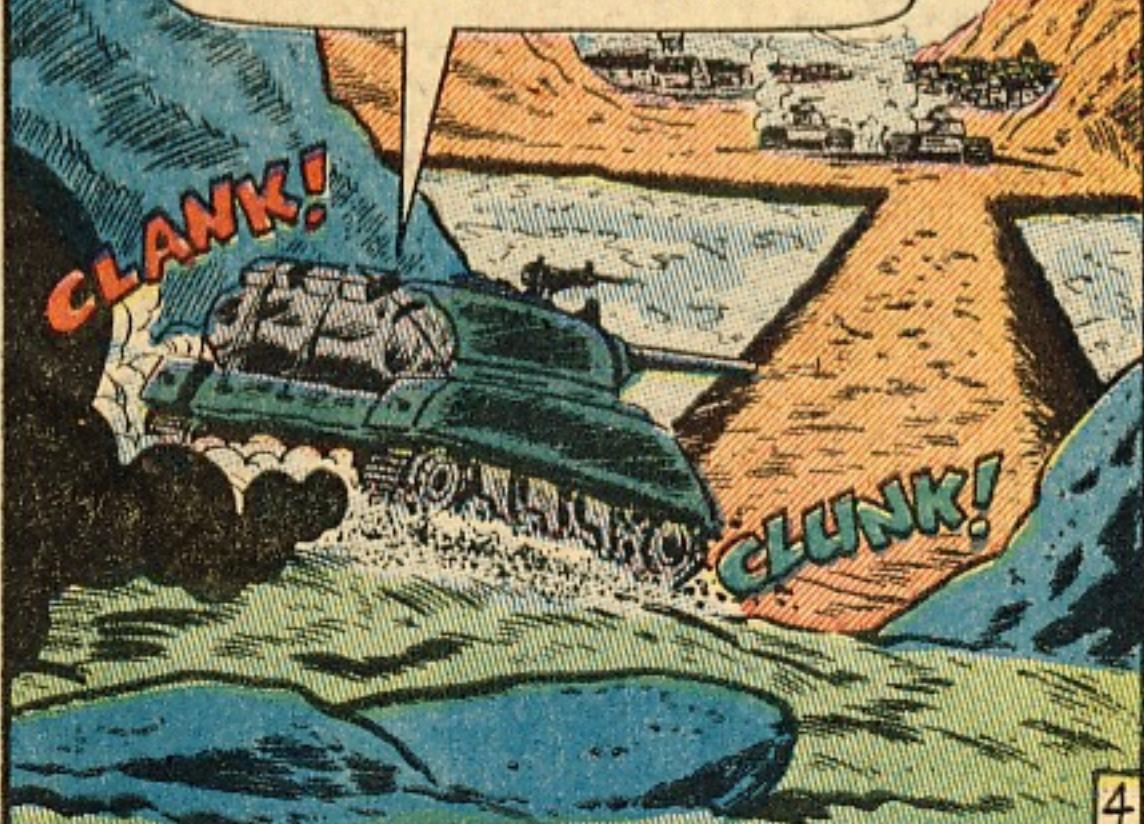


THEY'RE MOVING THEIR TANKS IN...WE GOTTA STOP 'EM! COME ON, GET THIS THING ROLLING... WE GOT WORK TO DO!

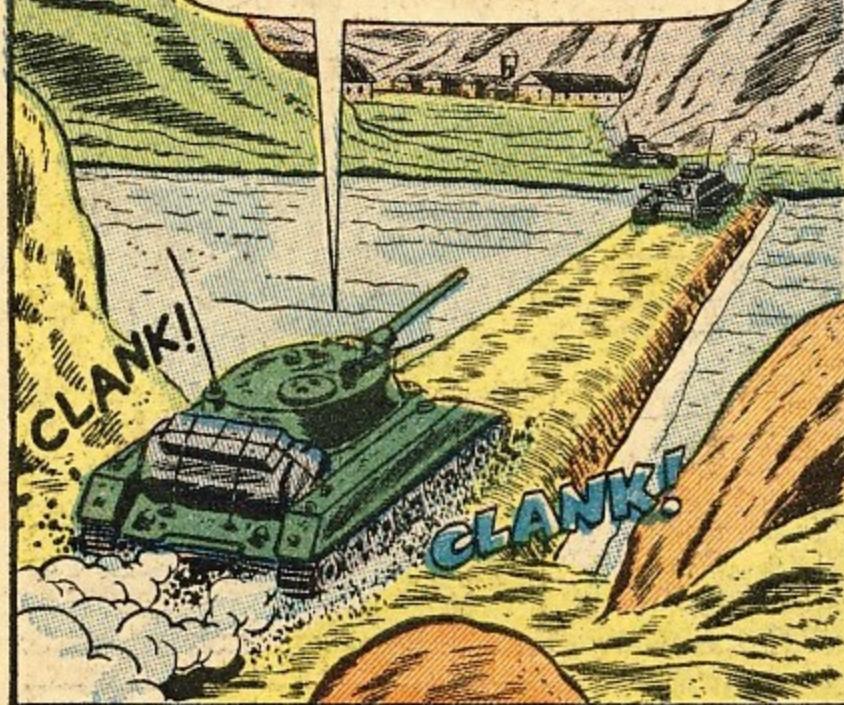
WHAT? YOU MEAN WE'RE GOING INTO THAT TOWN WITH THOSE TWO TIGERS THERE? THEY'LL TEAR US TO SHREDS!



THAT'S RIGHT! BUT WE GOTTA BLOCK THAT ROAD... THAT'S THE ONLY WAY THEY CAN MOVE TO OUR LINES... WE GOTTA BLOCK THAT ROAD EVEN IF IT COSTS US A TANK!

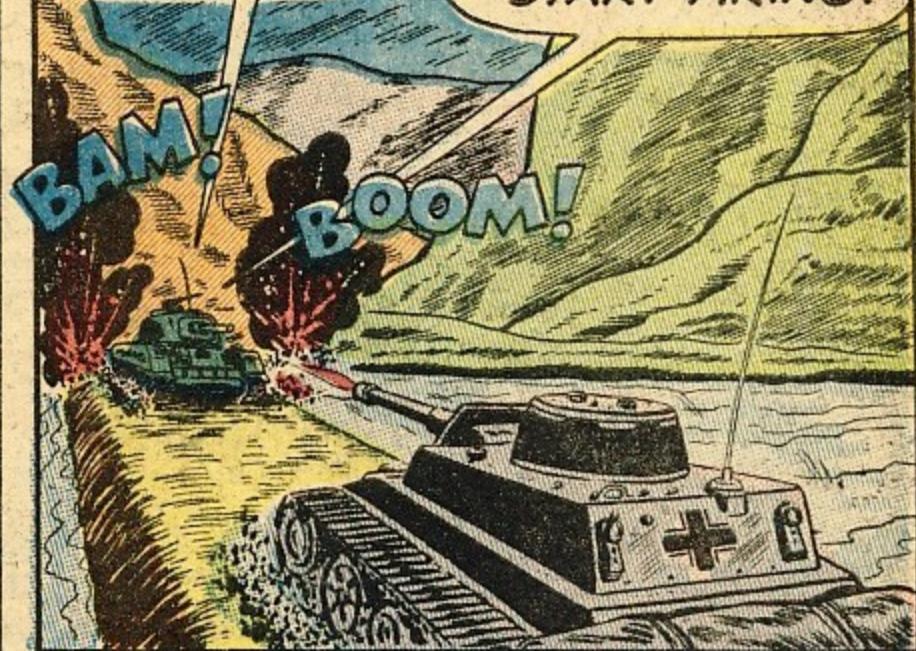


THEY'VE SPOTTED US! COME ON,
LET'S GET SOME FIREPOWER
OUTA THAT CANNON!



THEY'RE ZEROING
US IN... C'MON,
LUND, LET'S GET
OUTA HERE!

YOU'RE STAYING
HERE IF I HAVE
TO SHOOT YOU
MYSELF... NOW
START FIRING!

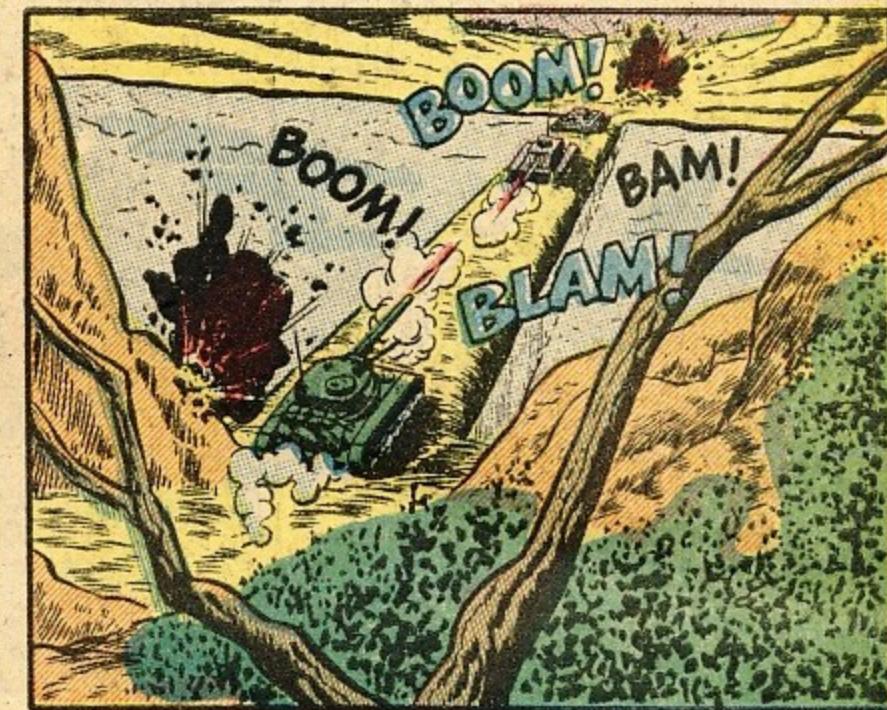


SURE HE'S GONNA STAY
HERE... THIS'LL PROBABLY
MEAN A **SILVER STAR**
FOR HIM!

YEAH... AND
PURPLE
HEARTS
FOR US...
POSTHUMOUSLY!



THE BATTLE RAGED FURIOUSLY, BUT
LUND HAD MADE HIS PLANS WELL...
THOUGH OUTNUMBERED, THE AMERICANS
STILL HAD THE ADVANTAGE BECAUSE
OF THE TERRAIN!



THE SHERMAN SCORED THE FIRST
HIT... SCRATCH ONE TIGER!

GOOD! NOW THEY'LL
NEVER GET US
OFF THIS ROAD!



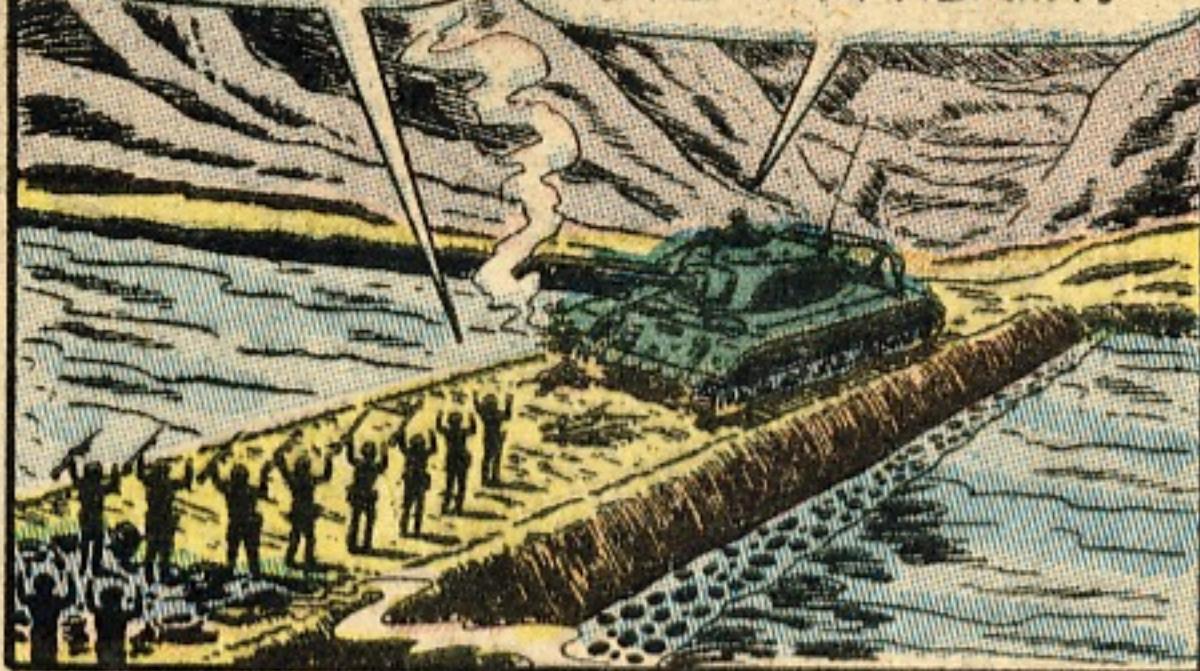
THE TIGER WOULD BE MORE THAN A MATCH FOR THE SMALLER SHERMAN, BUT FIGHTING AT A DISADVANTAGE, IT COULDN'T TAKE THE ACCURATE GUNFIRE OF THE AMERICANS. AND FINALLY...



THE GERMAN GARRISON, DISMAYED AT THE TURN OF BATTLE, LET THEIR INSTINCTS RULE THEIR JUDGEMENT, AND...

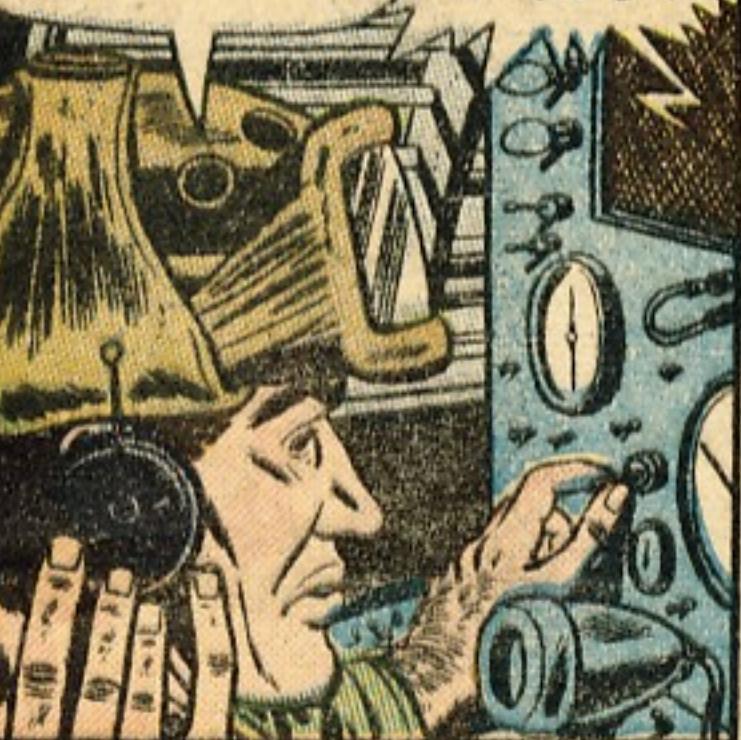
ACH! VE SURRENDER! DON'T SHOOT... VE SURRENDER!

LINE UP THEN AND DROP YOUR RIFLES IN FRONT OF THE TANK! AND ON THE DOUBLE... WE'RE IN A HURRY!



THAT'S RIGHT, SIR! MY BOYS KNOCKED OUT TWO TIGERS, AND WE GOT A WHOLE SLEW OF JERRYS WHO SURRENDERED!

WHAT! THE REST OF THE TANKS WILL BE RIGHT THERE! HOLD ON AS LONG AS YOU CAN!



AND A WHILE LATER...

GUESS I DISOBEDIED ORDERS AGAIN, SIR... BUT I WANTED...

NEVER MIND THAT, LUND! THE CAPTAIN FOUND OUT WHAT YOU'VE DONE AND SAYS TO CONGRATULATE YOU... HE LIKES MEN WHO THINK FOR THEMSELVES!



HE ALSO SAYS YOUR ACTION IN BLOCKING THIS ROAD FROM THE GERMANS COST THEM ABOUT THREE WEEKS... THEY COULD HAVE BROKEN THROUGH OUR LINES IF THEY HAD THIS ROAD! HE WANTS TO KNOW IF YOU WANT A BATTLEFIELD COMMISSION... SAYS YOU'RE TOO GOOD A MAN TO WASTE ON ONE TANK!



GUESS I MIGHT AS WELL... THE BOYS DON'T SEEM TO LIKE THE WAY I ORDER THEM AROUND!

AW, NOW, SARGE... WE WERE ONLY KIDDING!

YEAH, YOU KNOW HOW WE FEEL ABOUT YOU!



SURE, YOU CAN'T LEAVE US NOW! NOT WHEN YOU MADE US INTO THE **BEST TANK CREW** IN THE OUTFIT!

YOU BET! WE MIGHT AS WELL PACK UP AND GO HOME IF THEY BREAK US UP!

WELL, LIEUTENANT, GUESS YOU GOT YOUR ANSWER FROM MY BOYS! WHAT A BUNCH OF GLORY HOUNDS!



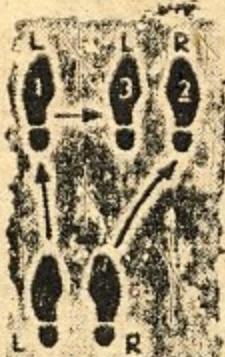
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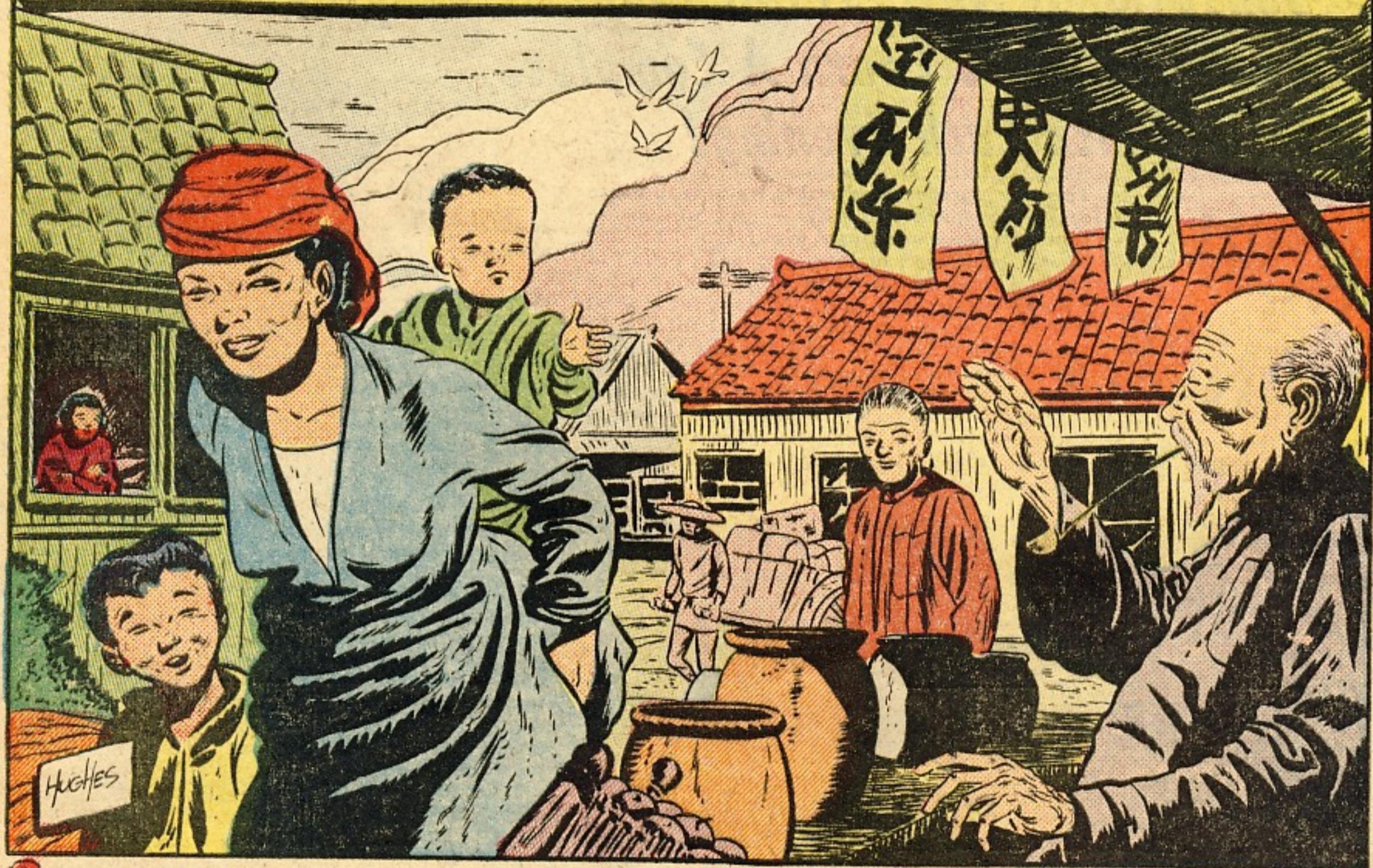
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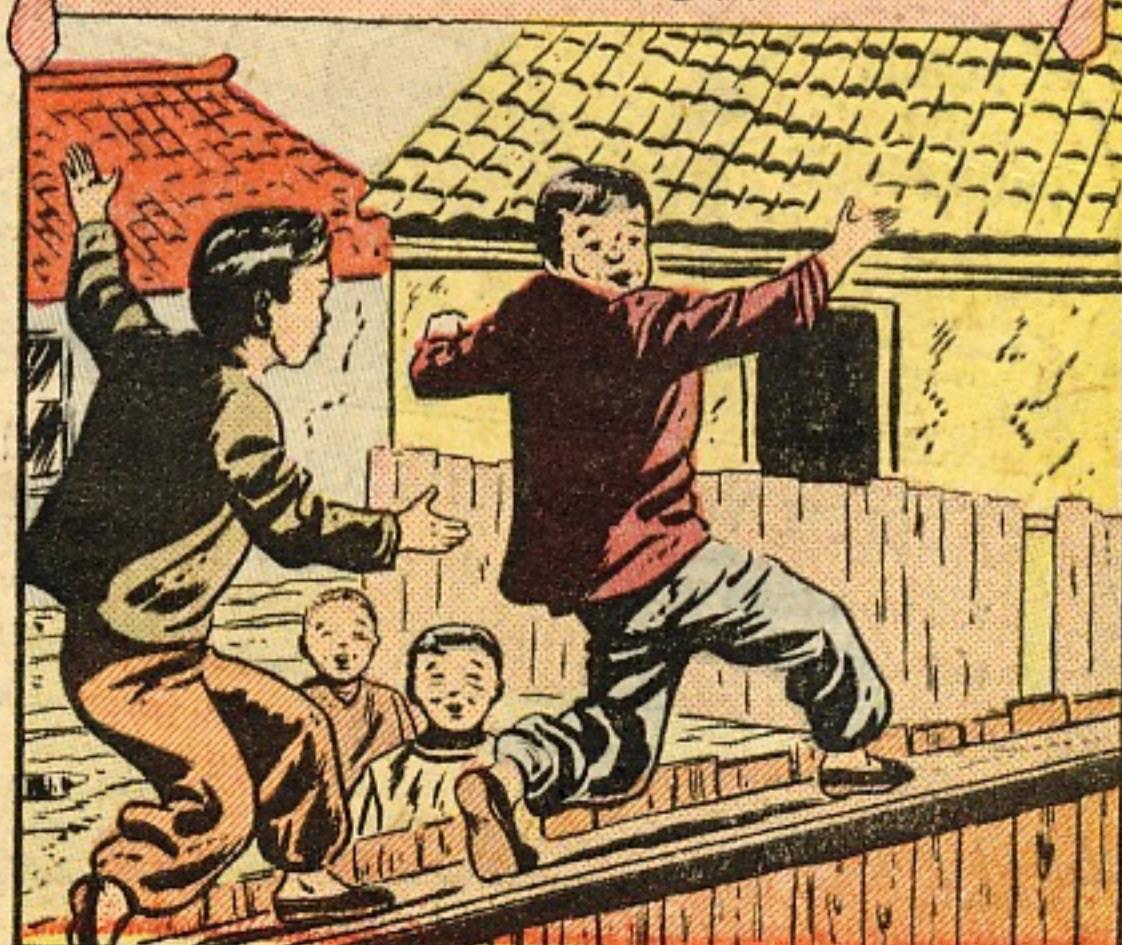
TO THE VICTORS!

THIS IS THE VILLAGE OF PUNSANG... LOCATED JUST SOUTH OF THE 38TH PARALLEL IN KOREA. IT IS A QUIET VILLAGE, AND THE PEOPLE ARE HAPPY HERE... OR WERE UNTIL THE INVADERS FROM THE NORTH POURED OVER THE PARALLEL. THEN IT WAS WAR... AND WITH IT ALL THE FURY THAT IT CAN BRING! PUNSANG LAY DIRECTLY IN THE PATH OF THE NORTH KOREANS... AND THEY FIGURED IT WOULD BELONG TO THEM... BECAUSE IN WAR... TO THE VICTORS BELONG THE SPOILS!



BEFORE THE WAR, THE OCCUPATION OF THESE PEOPLE WAS FARMING. THE ONLY WORRY THEY HAD WAS HOW THEIR MEAGER CROPS WOULD DO! YES, IT WAS A HAPPY LIFE...

...ESPECIALLY FOR THE KIDS. THEY HAD NO PROBLEMS AT ALL. THEY WERE JUST LIKE OTHER KIDS... THEIR ONLY INTEREST WAS IN PLAYING...



BUT THE WAR CHANGED ALL THAT... HAPPINESS WAS A THING FORGOTTEN IN PUNSANG... NOW IT WAS JUST A QUESTION OF STAYING ALIVE!



NO LONGER WAS THE TALK ABOUT CROPS... IT WAS ABOUT INFANTRY AND SCOUTS AND ARTILLERY... SOME THINGS THE FARMERS OF PUNSANG COULDN'T UNDERSTAND...

REPORTS HAVE JUST COME IN THAT THE AMERICANS ARE MOVING UP FROM THE SOUTH... THEY SHOULD BE WITHIN RANGE IN ABOUT 36 HOURS!

WE WILL BE READY FOR THEM! MOVE OUR TROOPS UP TO THAT RIDGE LINE... THERE WE WILL MAKE OUR STAND! IF WE CAN'T HOLD THEM THERE, WE WILL MOVE BACK TO THE VILLAGE!



AND THE AMERICANS WERE ALSO MAKING THEIR PLANS... SIMILAR TO THOSE OF THE ENEMY...

WE'VE GOT TO TAKE THOSE RIDGES, LIEUTENANT! GET YOUR BOYS READY TO MOVE OUT IN AN HOUR!

OKAY, MAJOR! THEY'VE BEEN ITCHING FOR THIS EVER SINCE PUSANG!



TO THE KOREAN FARMER, IT WAS A STRANGE SIGHT... AMERICANS ON ONE SIDE OF THE RIDGE TRYING TO TAKE IT FROM THE COMMUNISTS ON THE OTHER. IT WAS LIKE HIS CHILDREN WHEN THEY PLAYED "KING OF THE MOUNTAIN"...



...BUT THEY PLAYED A LITTLE DIFFERENT THAN THE CHILDREN...



...AND THEY PLAYED FOR KEEPS!



THE SMALL VILLAGE OF PUNSANG SUDDENLY BECAME A STRATEGIC POSITION IN THE PLANS OF BOTH SIDES... THE UNKNOWN VILLAGE THAT WAS DESTINED TO MAKE HISTORY IN THAT NIGHT'S WAR COMMUNIQUES...

THIS WILL MAKE A GOOD AMBUSH!

YES, THE STUPID AMERICANS WILL NEVER SUSPECT THAT WE HAVE ONLY WITHDRAWN THIS FAR!



THINK WE OUGHT TO KEEP MOVING, MAJOR! NO SENSE IN LETTING THEM GET DUG IN!

GUESS YOU'RE RIGHT! TELL YOUR BOYS TO START BACKING UP!



BUT THE KOREAN FARMER HAD HEARD THE ENEMY'S PLAN AND HASTENED TO WARN THE AMERICANS...

BUT SIR, THEY ARE ENTRENCHED IN OUR VILLAGE... THEY HAVE SET A TRAP FOR YOUR TROOPS!

DID YOU HEAR THAT, LIEUTENANT... LOOKS LIKE WE UNDERESTIMATED THEM! BETTER CALL IN FOR SOME HELP!



AND SO THE "LONG TOMS" WENT TO WORK ON SOFTENING UP THE INVADERS. THAT THE VILLAGE OF PUNSANG HAD TO TAKE IT ALSO WAS JUST AN ACCIDENT OF WAR!



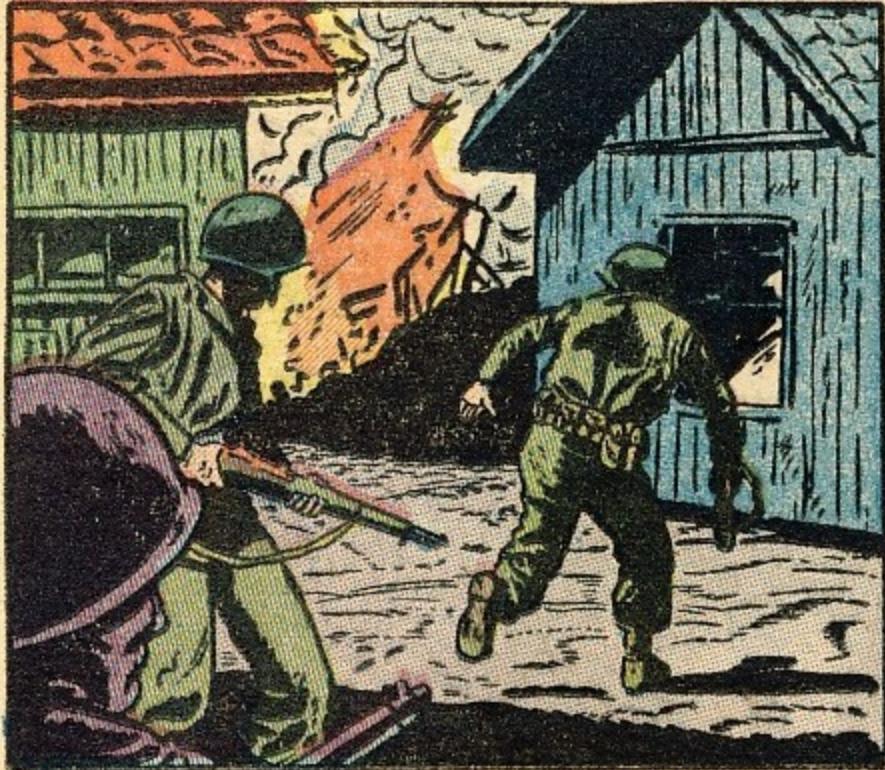
THEN THE JETS CAME IN TO FINISH THE JOB ON THE ENEMY... AND ALSO ON PUNSANG...



AFTER THE SOFTENING UP PROCESS, THE INFANTRY MOVED IN FOR THE MOPPING UP... THERE REALLY WASN'T MUCH LEFT TO MOP UP, THOUGH!



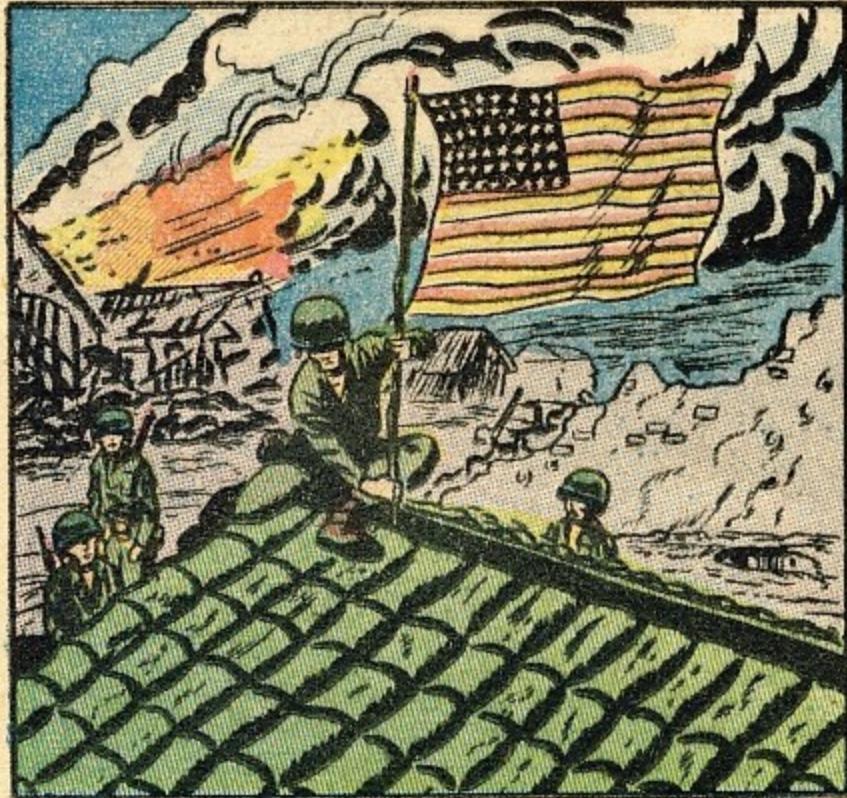
BUT THE ENEMY WAS STUBBORN... AND HAD TO BE DRIVEN OUT... STREET BY STREET...



THOSE THAT WOULDN'T GIVE IN, WERE PERSUADED...



BUT FINALLY IT WAS ALL OVER--- PUNSANG HAD BEEN RETAKEN!



JUST GOT WORD, MAJOR... THEY WANT US TO KEEP MOVING!

NO SENSE STAYING HERE, ANYWAY... NOT MUCH LEFT!



AND SO THE AMERICANS PUSHED NORTHWARD... LEAVING PUNSANG TO ITS ORIGINAL OWNERS...



... AND THE VILLAGERS RETURNED TO THEIR HOMES... FOR, TO THE VICTORS BELONG THE SPOILS!



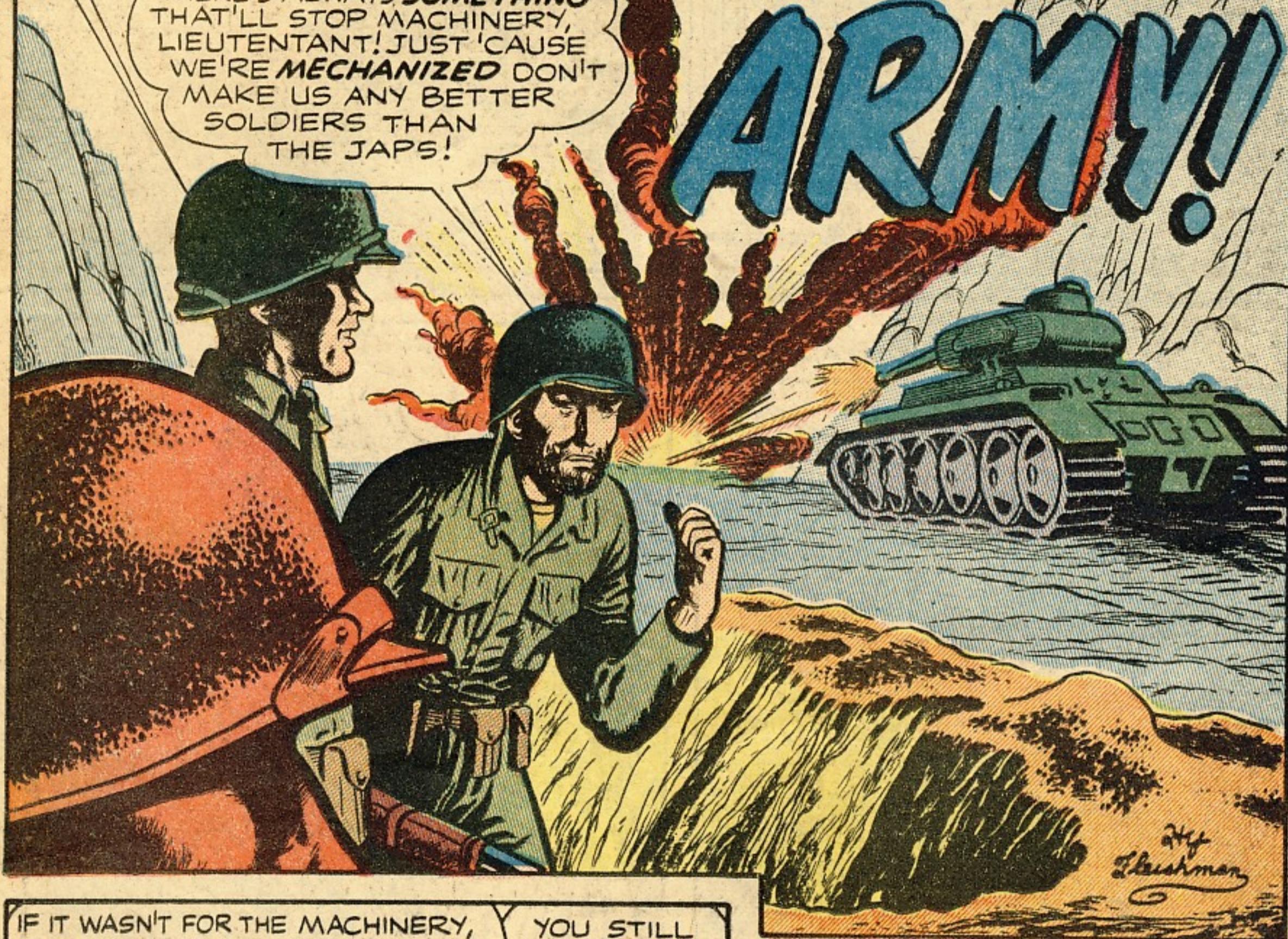
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THEY WERE AT IT AGAIN! THE YOUNG MARINE LIEUTENANT AND THE OLD-TIME SERGEANT! ARGUE... ARGUE... ARGUE! AND ALWAYS ABOUT THE WAY A WAR SHOULD BE FOUGHT! MACHINERY WAS THE ANSWER, CLAIMED THE YOUNGSTER... THAT'S WHAT MADE THIS...

...THAT'S WHAT I WAS TALKING ABOUT, SARGE! YOU CAN'T BEAT THIS ARMY BECAUSE IT'S MECHANIZED... NOTHING CAN STOP TANKS LIKE THOSE!

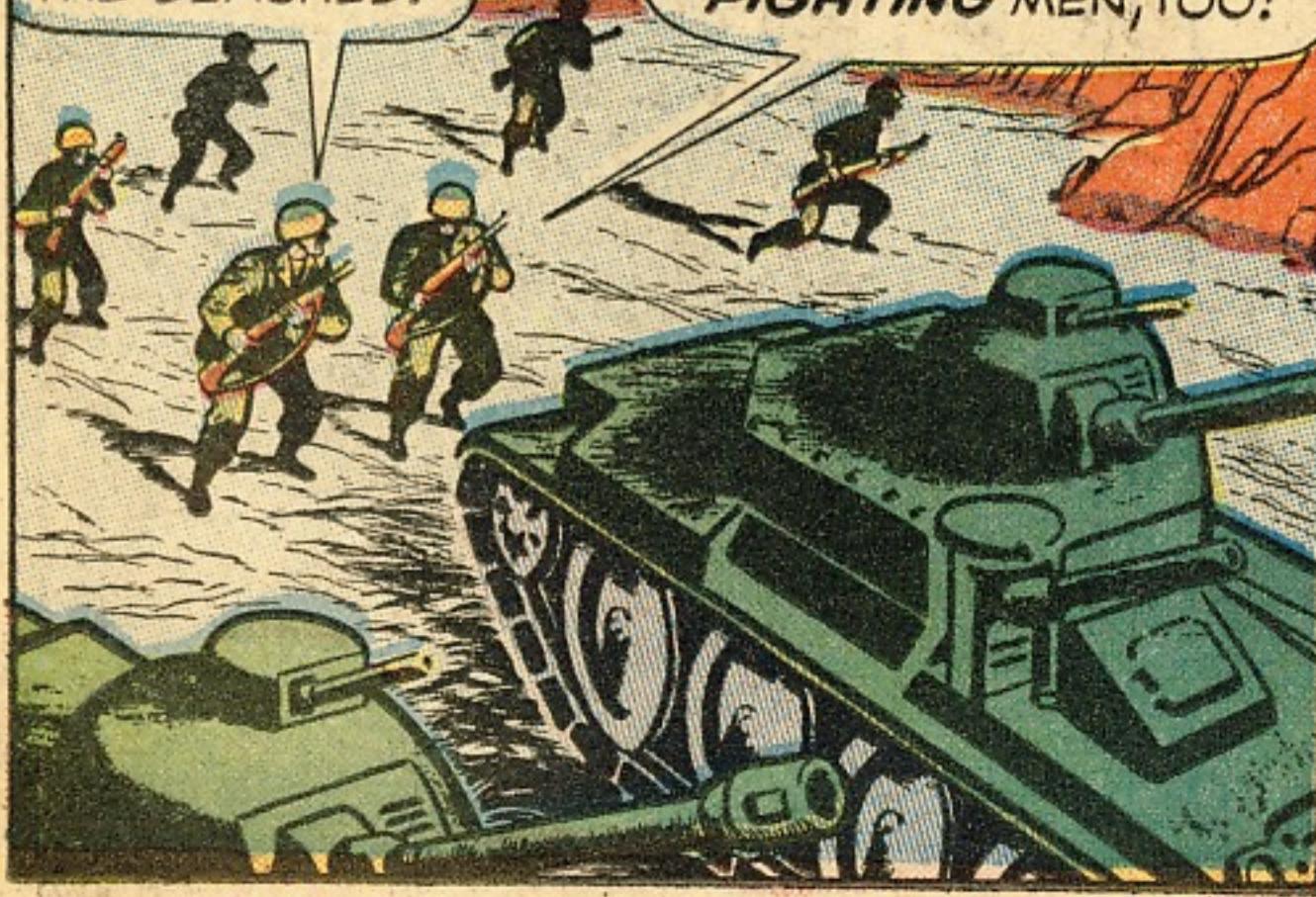
THERE'S ALWAYS SOMETHING THAT'LL STOP MACHINERY, LIEUTENANT! JUST 'CAUSE WE'RE MECHANIZED DON'T MAKE US ANY BETTER SOLDIERS THAN THE JAPS!

A MODERN ARMY!



IF IT WASN'T FOR THE MACHINERY, THEN HOW COME WE TOOK THIS ISLAND SO FAST? THE JAPS NEVER HAD A CHANCE ONCE OUR EQUIPMENT CAME ROLLING IN OFF THE BEACHES!

YOU STILL NEEDED MEN TO OPERATE IT, LIEUTENANT... AND YOU'LL ALWAYS NEED MEN... GOOD FIGHTING MEN, TOO!



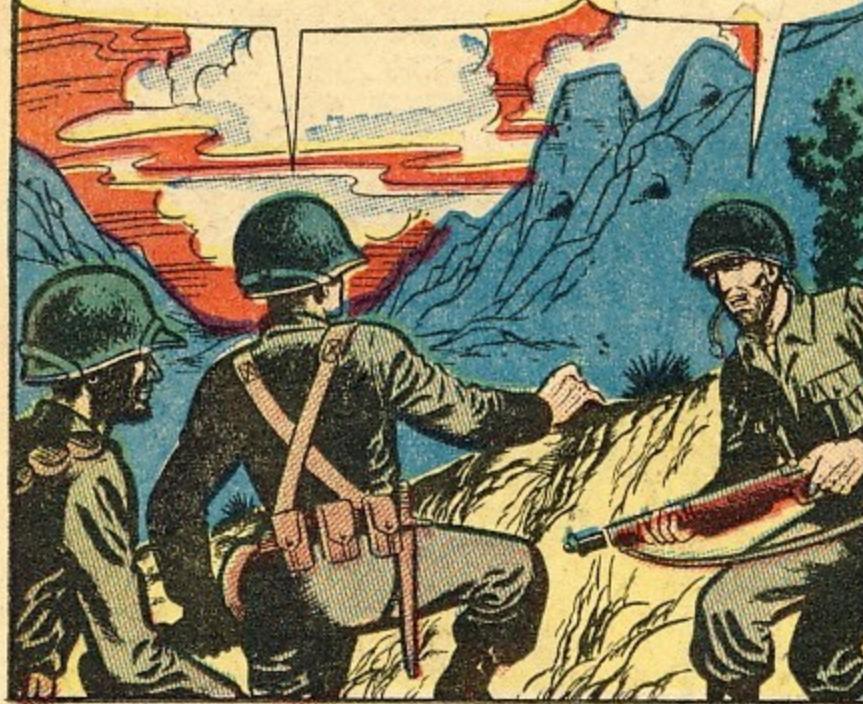
AND IF THE EQUIPMENT WAS SO HOT... THEN HOW COME WE GOTTA GO OUT AND CLEAN UP EVERY DAY?

MAYBE YOU GOT SOMETHING THERE... THOSE JAPS DOWN IN THOSE CAVES HAVE BEEN GIVING US A HARD TIME! C'MON, YOU GUYS... LET'S GET THE LEAD OUT!



THERE THEY ARE, MEN!
LET'S CLEAN 'EM OUT
SO WE WON'T HAVE TO
COME BACK TOMORROW!

OKAY...
SPREAD
OUT AND
KEEP LOW!



KEEP DOWN YOU
GUYS! DON'T GIVE
'EM A TARGET!

FALL BACK,
MEN! FALL
BACK!!

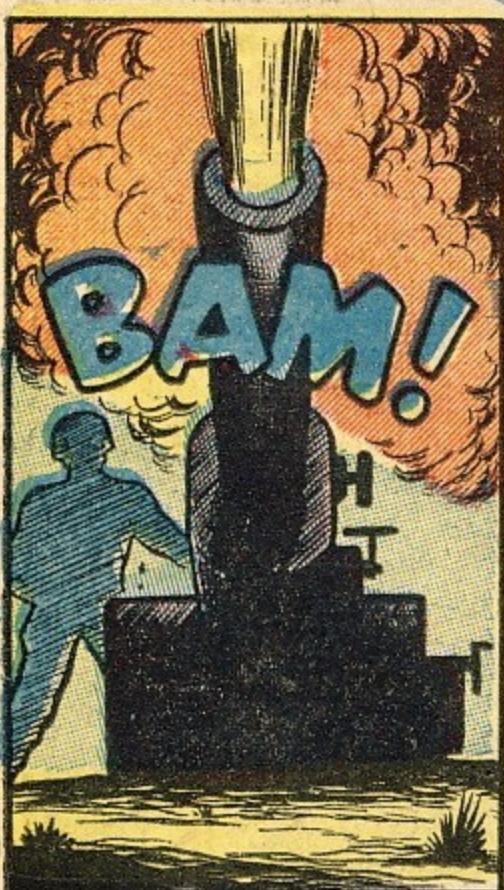


OKAY, SARGE, 'ROGER,'
NOW YOU'LL **RED-ONE!**
SEE WHAT I MEAN BY A
MECHANIZED ARMY... RED
FOX, THIS IS
RED-ONE... **OVER
AND OUT!**
NEED HELP
ON THIS MOP-
UP! **OVER!**

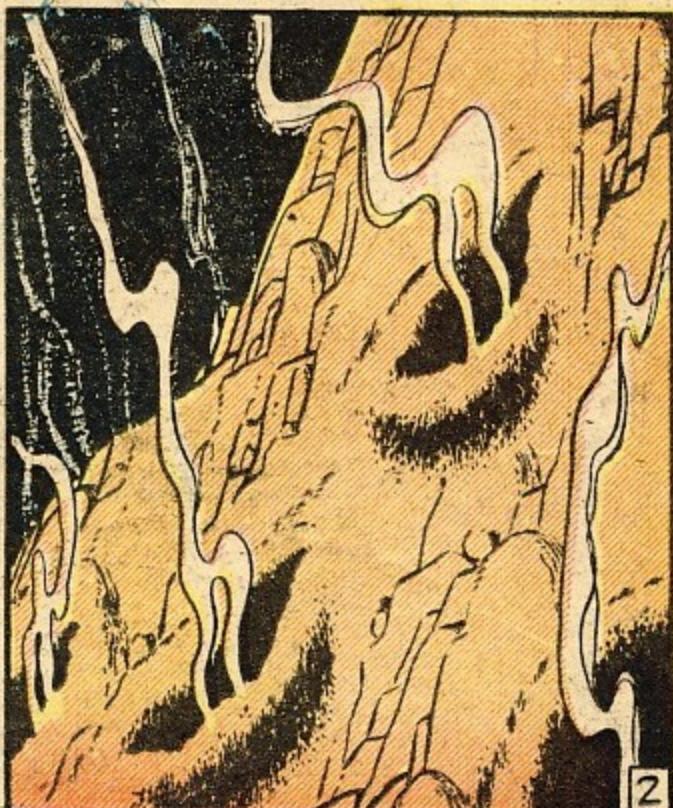
AND SO THE BIG GUNS
WENT INTO ACTION...



...AND POURED MANY ROUNDS
OF HEAVY STUFF INTO THE
JAP POSITIONS...



FINALLY THE CANNONADE
STOPPED...



BUT THE JAPS WERE STILL THERE... AND THEY LET THE MARINES KNOW IT!



WELL, IF THAT DON'T STOP 'EM, I GOT SOMETHING THAT WILL! THIS IS RED-ONE AGAIN... BETTER SEND SOME OF THOSE SHERMANS OVER... WE STILL NEED HELP!

ROGER!

THEY'LL BE UP IN A FEW MINUTES!

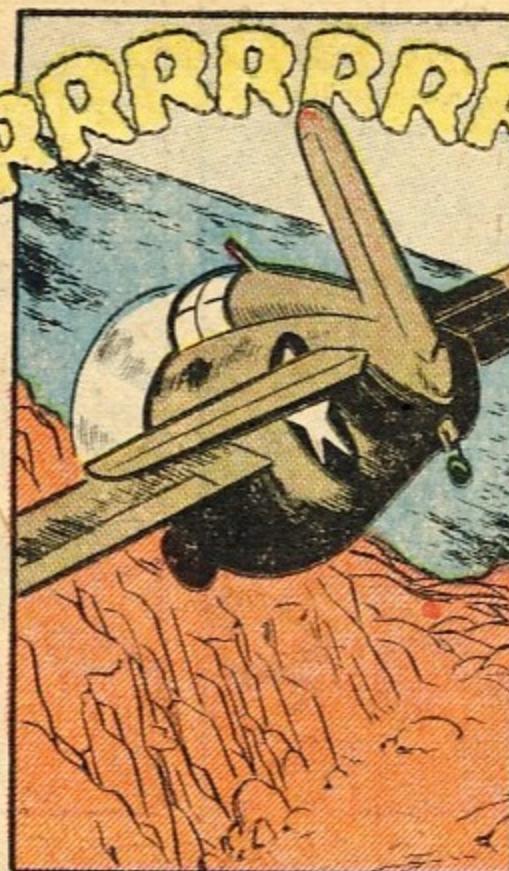


ONCE AGAIN THE MARINES MOVED FORWARD... BUT ONCE AGAIN THE JAPS WERE READY FOR THEM!

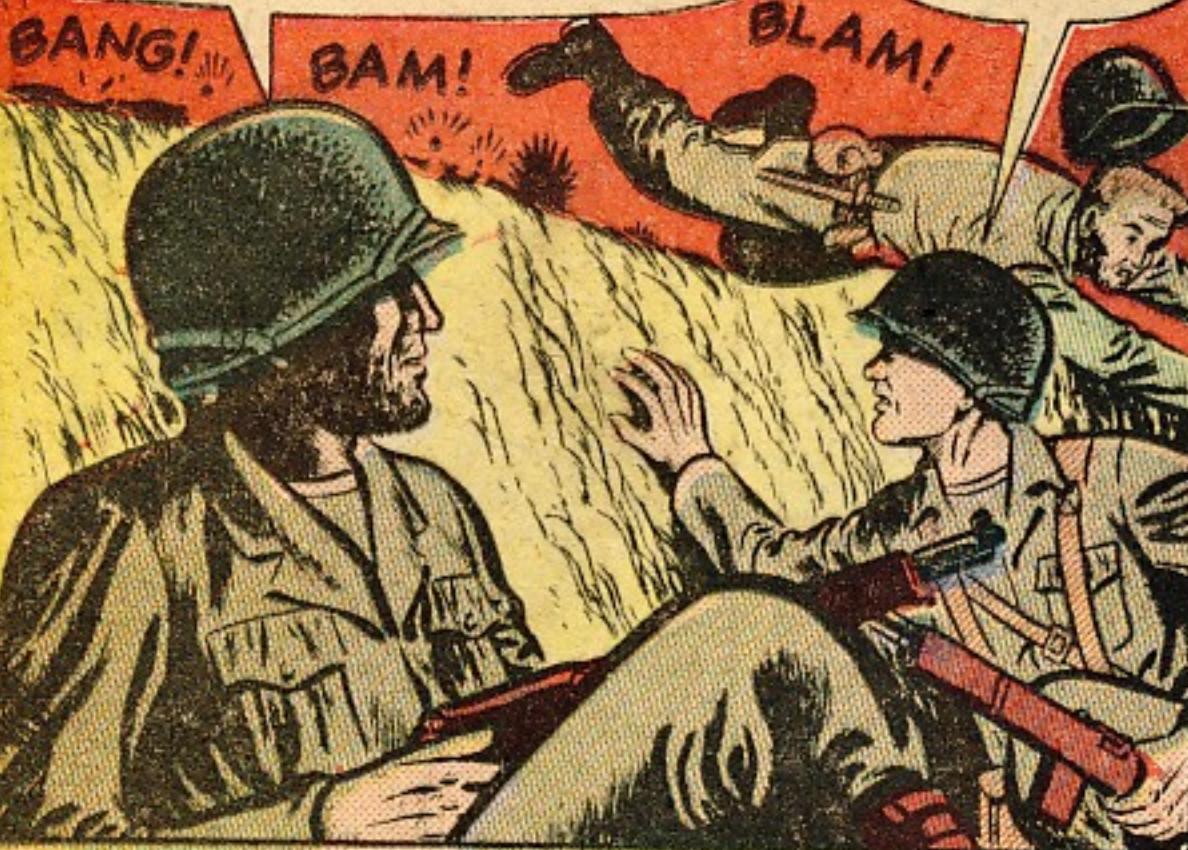
BETTER SEND IN SOME AIRCRAFT... THEY'RE DUG IN PRETTY DEEP!

ROGER!





I TOLD YOU THERE WAS
MORE TO AN ARMY THAN
JUST **MACHINES**...THEY
CAN'T DO **EVERYTHING**!



WELL...
MAYBE
YOU'RE
RIGHT!

BUT WHAT ARE WE
GONNA DO? HOW WE
GONNA GET THOSE JAPS
OUT OF THOSE CAVES?

LET ME
SHOW YOU...
IT SHOULDN'T
BE TOO
TOUGH!



A FEW MINUTES LATER THE
MARINES WERE IN POSITION...

...AND WERE PUTTING THEIR
PLAN INTO OPERATION...



...AND A FEW MINUTES LATER IT
WAS JUST ABOUT OVER...



YOU SEE, LIEUTENANT, IT TAKES MORE
THAN **MACHINERY** AND **EQUIPMENT**
TO MAKE AN ARMY...IT TAKES **MEN**!
GOOD, SOLID AMERICAN
FIGHTING MEN ARE WHAT
WILL WIN THIS WAR...
THERE'S NO SUCH THING
AS A **MODERN** ARMY!

GUESS
YOU'RE **RIGHT**,
SARGE...



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FIELD ORDER No. 549

THE PHONE RANG on the General's desk and he quickly answered it. This was the call he had been waiting all evening for. It was now 11 P.M.

"General Briggs here. Go ahead."

"This is Weather, Sir. That front over Germany held up. You'll have good weather for the next thirty-six hours!"

General Briggs smiled as he dropped the phone back in its cradle. Seems funny that a little thing like weather could hold up a war. But it was okay and the mighty Eighth Air Force could swing into action. He pressed a button on his desk and a red light lit up in front of a teletype machine somewhere in the basement of the building. A sergeant grunted then went to work on the machine.

All over England teletype machines were clattering Field Order #549. A Field Order that would send some 400 B-17s out into the skies over Germany. At Base 32 the Intelligence Officer ripped the order out of the machine. He glanced at the target, whistled once, then went to his target folders. A few minutes later he was pinning red and black tape lines onto the huge wall map. Lines that would show the routes in and out of the target.

In the barracks the crews were awakening. Each man woke in his own way . . . some laughed and joked, others were grim and still others were trying to steal a few more minutes of sleep. After breakfast the crews were assembled in the briefing room. Somebody in the back whistled as the curtains were drawn aside showing the target. The oil refinery at Essen. In a half hour the briefing was over and the crews rode their jeeps out to the sleeping bombers. *

Capt. Ray Lawrence watched the nine members of his crew put the big ship into shape. "The Big Kill" had been out on twelve missions already and the crew knew their jobs well.

Lawrence sat in the cockpit along with his

co-pilot, Woody Miller, and watched the second hand creep around his watch toward the zero hour. Just as it touched the twelve a red flare arched skyward over the observation tower. He kicked the throttle forward on the number one engine and grinned as its whine turned to a roar. A moment later, "The Big Kill" trundled to the edge of the runway.

Fifteen minutes later the skies over England were dark with the shifting forms of stately Flying Fortresses as they jockeyed into formation. "The Big Kill" took its place as the lead ship and the mighty armada pounded its way toward the English Channel and its target.

"This is Capt. Lawrence. Can the chatter and let's hear from you."

"Roger, Cap'n. This is Snead in the tail . . . everything's okay back here."

"Hogan and Bonura in the waist . . . we're doin' fine, Cap'n."

"Radio to pilot . . . no complaints, Captain."

"This is Orser in the ball-turret. A little cold, but that's all."

"Weims up in the top turret . . . better watch that Number three engine, Captain, it was acting up on our last run."

"This is Thomas up in the nose. We're okay, Sir. Better put on your masks, gang, we're at fifteen thousand feet."

The crew passed idle chatter as the Forts roared over the channel and Lawrence grinned to himself. Good bunch of Joes. He flinched as Weims up in the top turret gave a short burst with his twin 50s. Then the smell of cordite bit at his nose as the rest of the guns opened up. They were just checking though, the real test was yet to come.

"France underneath, should hit Germany in ten minutes." That was Thomas the navigator up in the nose giving out his check points. As if in answer to the big intruders, a burst of flak appeared off the left wing tip.

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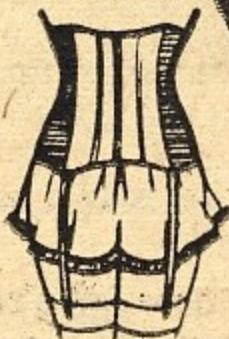
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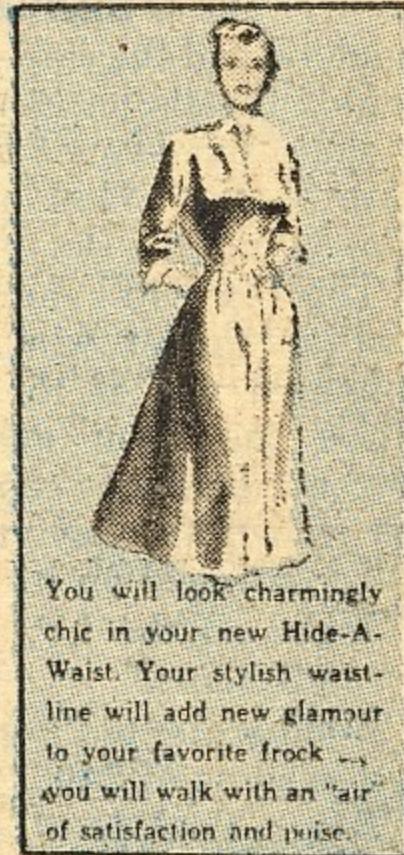
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"Bandits! 9 o'clock low!"

"Watch 'em, top turret . . . they're climbing."

"I got 'em, they're picking on that group off to our left."

Lawrence watched the silver planes through the plexiglass windshield as they attacked the 98th Bomb Group. He caught the brightness of the machine gun fire twinkling from the wings and then caught his breath as one of the Big Bomber's right wing crumbled and the ship spun in. He mentally counted the chutes as the crew struggled to get out of the doomed Fortress. He pounded a fist on the wheel as only three chutes dropped into the sky.

"The Big Kill" shuddered as a burst of flak lifted the left wing. Weims the engineer clambored out of the turret and quickly shifted gas from one tank to another. Lawrence held up a clenched fist as the engineer smiled an okay at him, and "The Big Kill" continued on its way.

"We're on the I.P., better give the ship over to Berents."

"Bombardier to Pilot. I've got it now. Give me a heading of 240."

"Roger, Paul, how's that?"

"On the button. Bombardier to Radio. I'm opening the bomb bay doors, Harry, give me a check."

"Bomb doors open, Sir."

The ship slowed noticeably as the drag created by the open doors caught. Slowly the ship, followed by its sister bombers pounded its way down the run toward the target. Black puffs of flak clouded the air, but still the heavy bombers continued on . . . slowly, determined, and then . . .

"BOMBS AWAY!"

"Let's get out of here . . . but fast."

"The Big Kill", lightened now by two tons, bounced into the air, then describing an arc to the left, swung off the target area.

Ball turret gunner Orser swung the metal bulb around and followed the bombs downward. Something exploded at Essen and a huge column of black and red smoke roared higher and higher.

"Right on the button! We sure clobbered them that time."

"Never mind the noise, you guys, we got company!"

Checkered FW-190s sliced through the formation and a big Fort exploded under the attack. "The Big Kill" bounced as every 50 on the ship opened up.

"Two of them at eight o'clock high. Pick 'em up, Gary!"

"I got 'em!"

The guns in back of Lawrence opened up and he watched the bullets bouncing off the armorplate of the German ship. But a slug caught an open spot behind the engine and a slither of smoke and flame rushed from the cowling. The fighter headed for the deck and Lawrence socked his co-pilot on the shoulder as the FW hit, smacked and then exploded.

An explosion rocked "The Big Kill" somewhere in the middle and the heavy ship staggered, then dropped out of the formation.

"Pilot to crew, pilot to crew. Check in on that flak. How's everything doing back there?"

"This is radio, Cap'n, we got a big hole here in the shack and our hydraulic lines are gone. The whole place looks like a tornado hit it, but everybody's still okay."

Lawrence struggled with the Fort as he tried to gain altitude, but it was no use. Two engines were out and they were losing gas.

"Hang on, you guys. We're going downstairs!"

* * *

General Briggs paced the room and swung to face the sergeant who had just opened the door.

"Got it, Sergeant?"

"Yes sir, here it is."

He handed him a manila folder and the General sat down behind his desk and evaluated the papers before him. Target, completely destroyed! Thirty-six enemy aircraft destroyed, twelve probables and sixteen damaged. Our losses, four Fortresses. The General grinned to himself and picked up the phone as it started to ring.

"Just got word, Sir, the British picked up one of our crews out of the Channel . . . crew out of 'The Big Kill'."

"Good! By the way, better check on weather. See if it's going to hold. Then start on the Field Order. What number is it? 549? No that's today's . . . and that's over and done with!"

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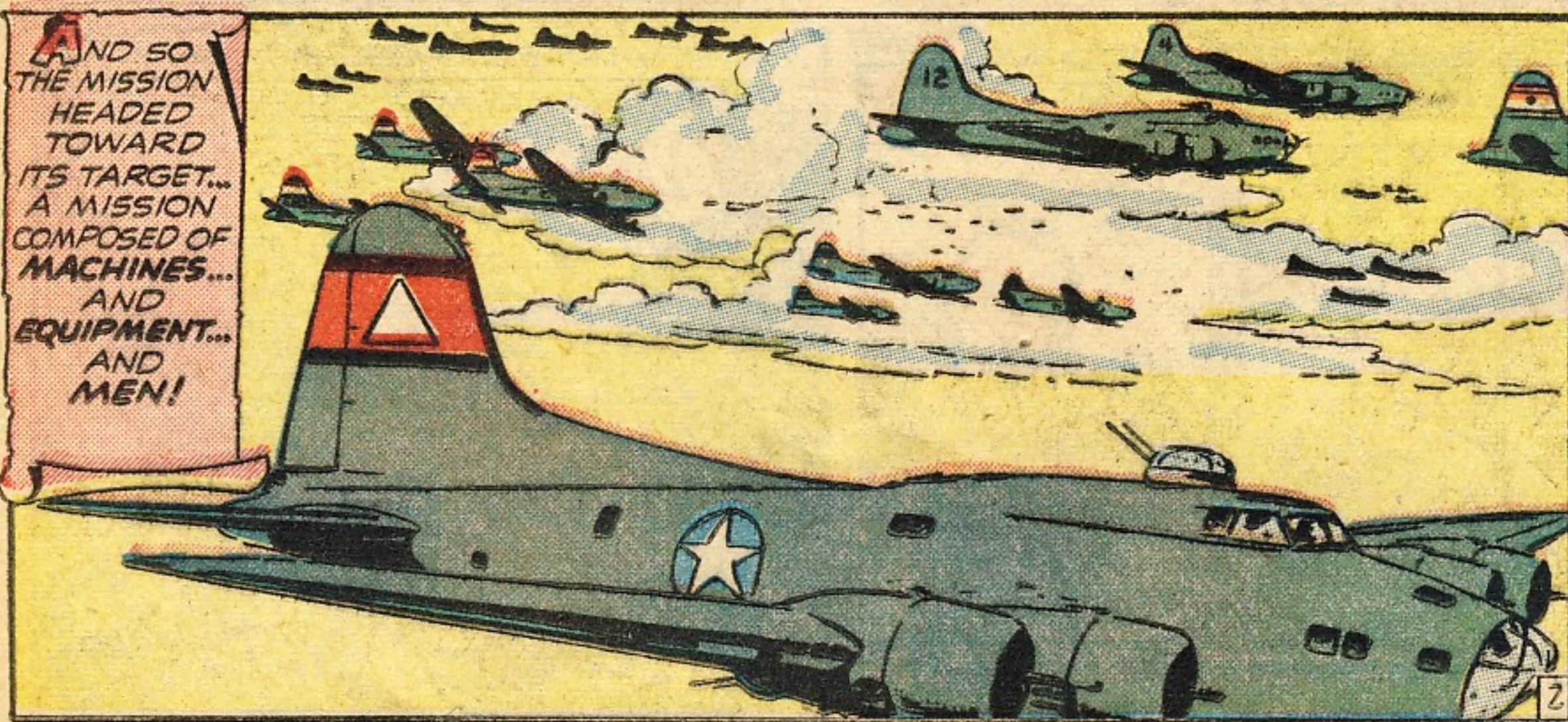
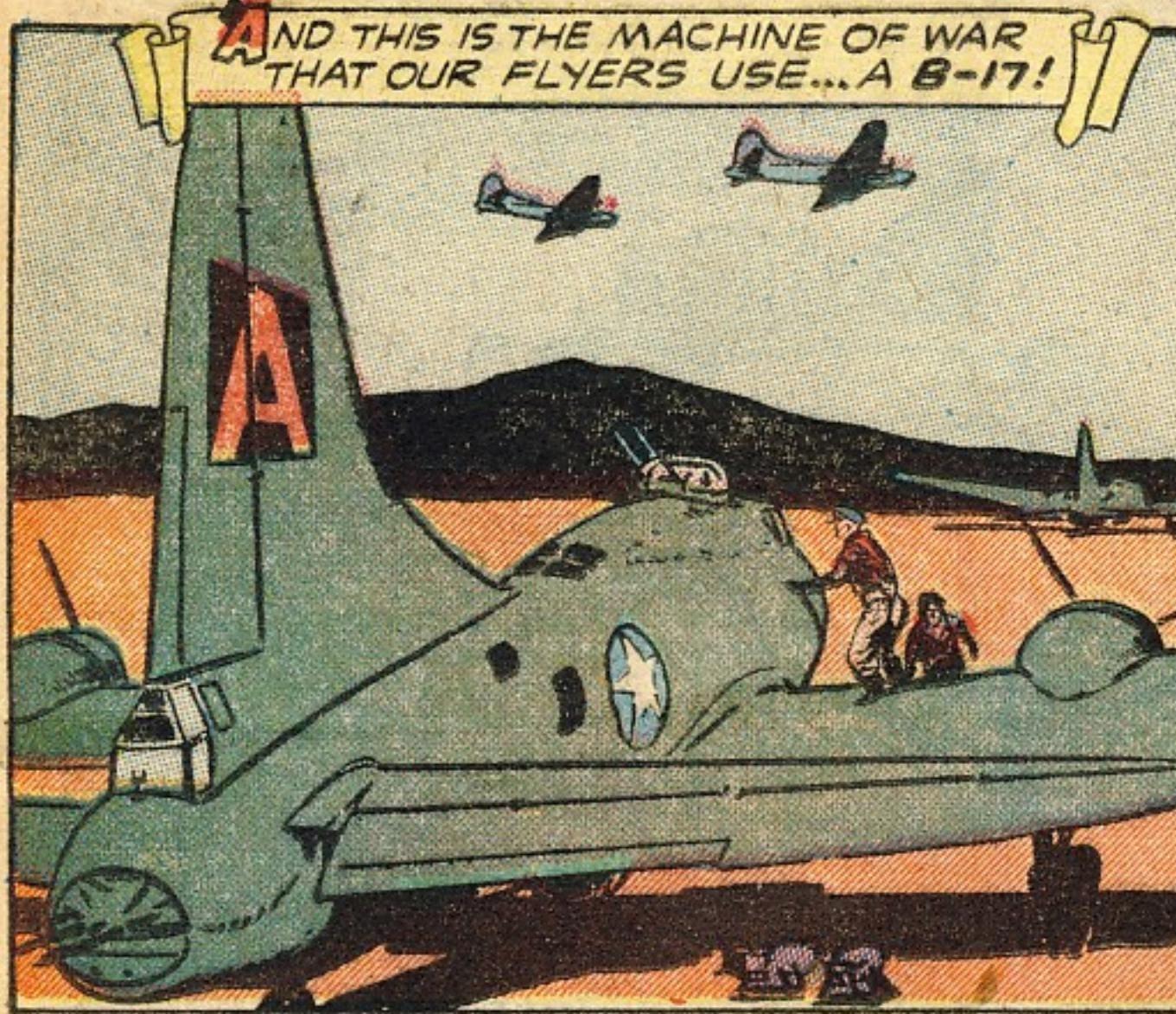
THIS IS ONE OF OUR MOST IMPORTANT PIECES OF EQUIPMENT...THE TELEPHONE!



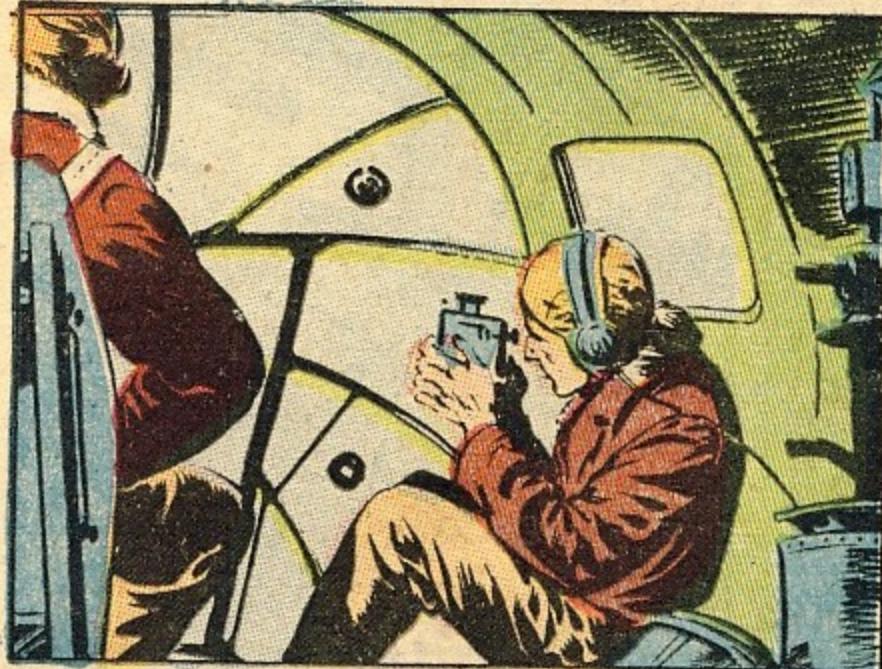
BUT THEY USE PHONES IN WARTIME ALSO
...TO MAKE BIG DECISIONS...



THE GENERAL STARTED IT BY PICKING UP A TELEPHONE... AND IT WAS FINISHED AT THE 94TH BOMB GROUP BY ANOTHER MACHINE... THE TELETYPE!



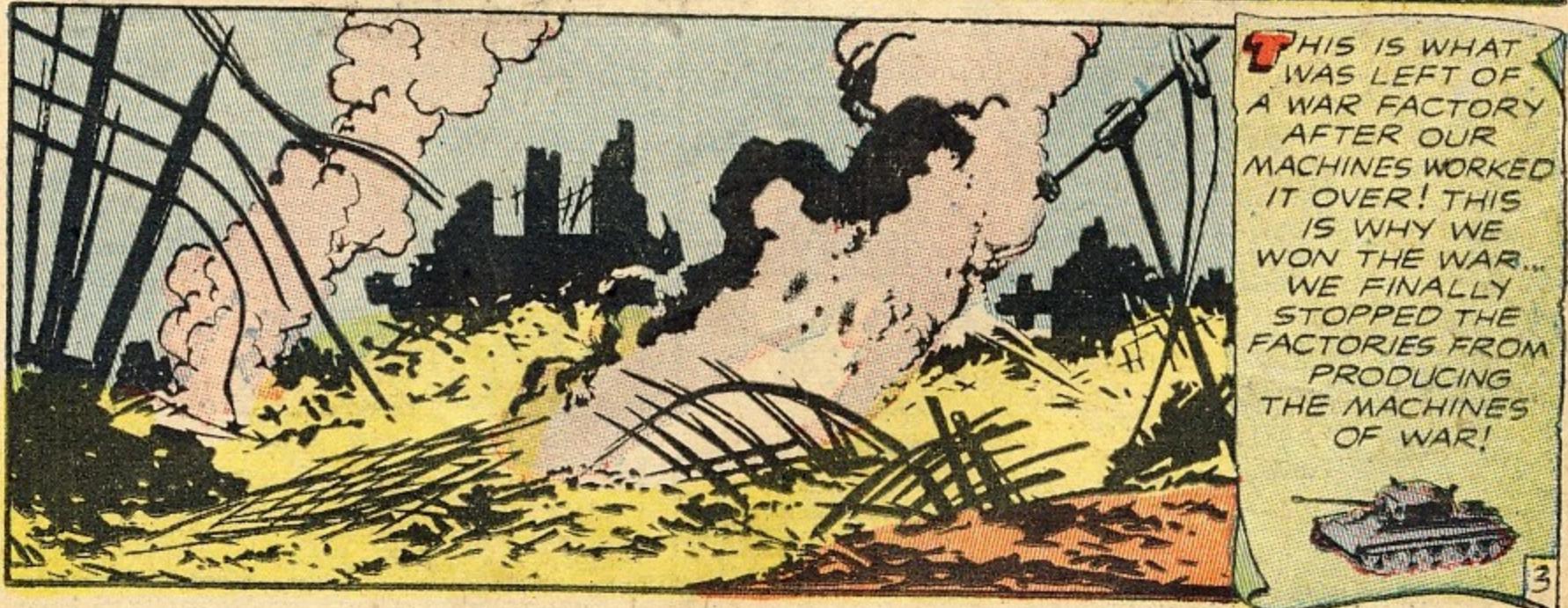
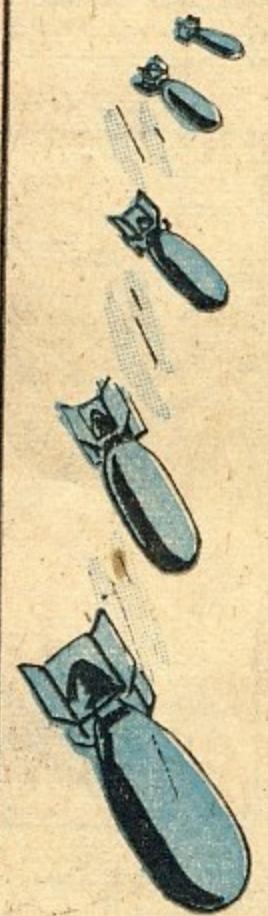
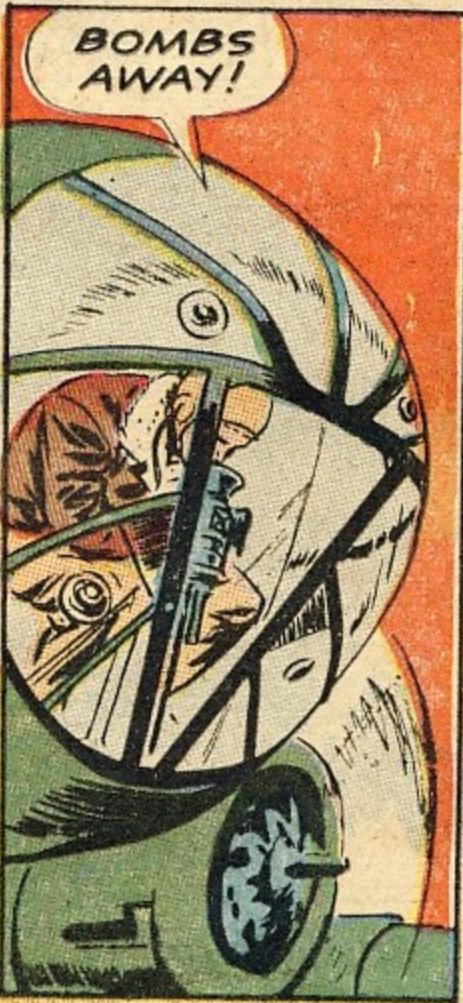
IT WAS SIMPLE FINDING THE ROUTE...THE NAVIGATOR JUST USED THE MACHINERY THAT HE HAD BEEN TAUGHT TO...LIKE THE SEXTANT AND THE DRIFT METER! IT WAS EASY...



BUT THE GERMANS HAD EQUIPMENT TOO...AND KNEW HOW TO USE IT...



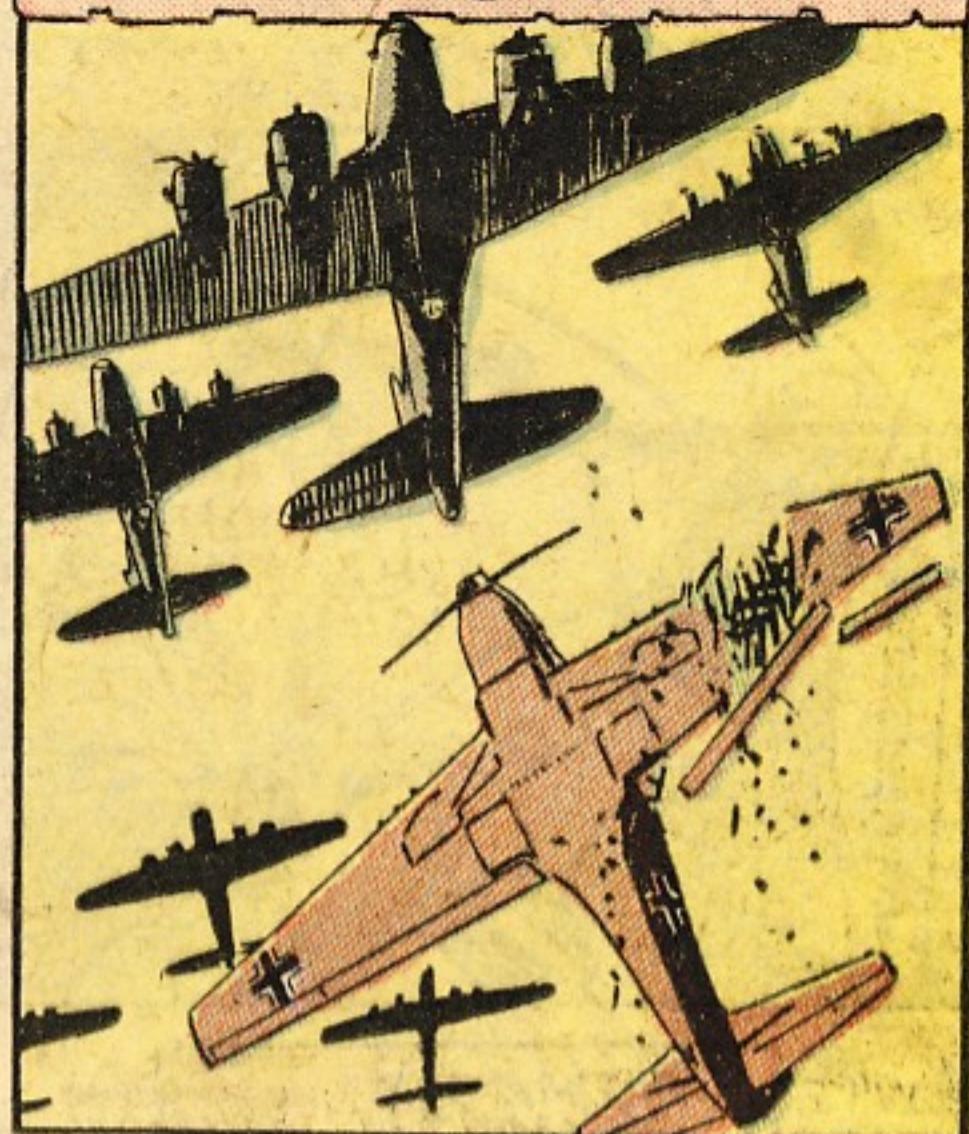
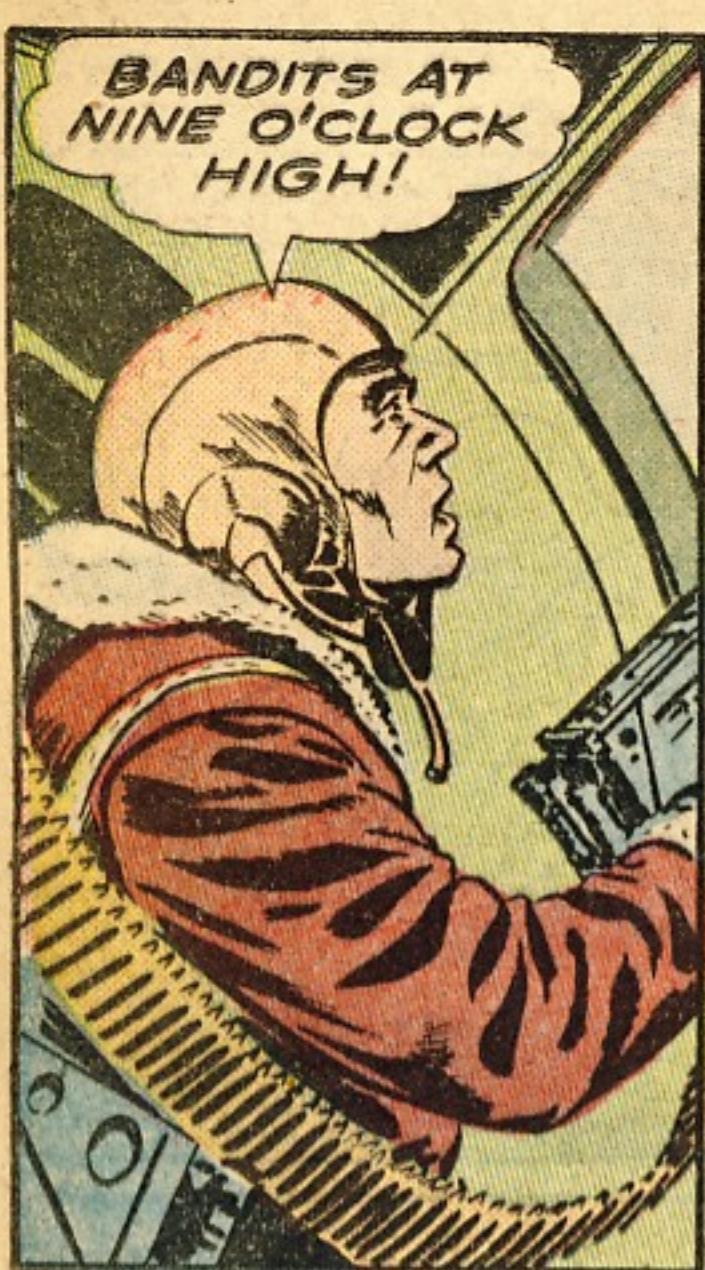
YOU'VE HEARD OF THE NORDEN BOMB-SIGHT... WHO HASN'T THAT PIECE OF MACHINERY THAT MADE DROPPING BOMBS A SURE THING... YOU COULD NOT MISS!



BANDITS AT
NINE O'CLOCK
HIGH!

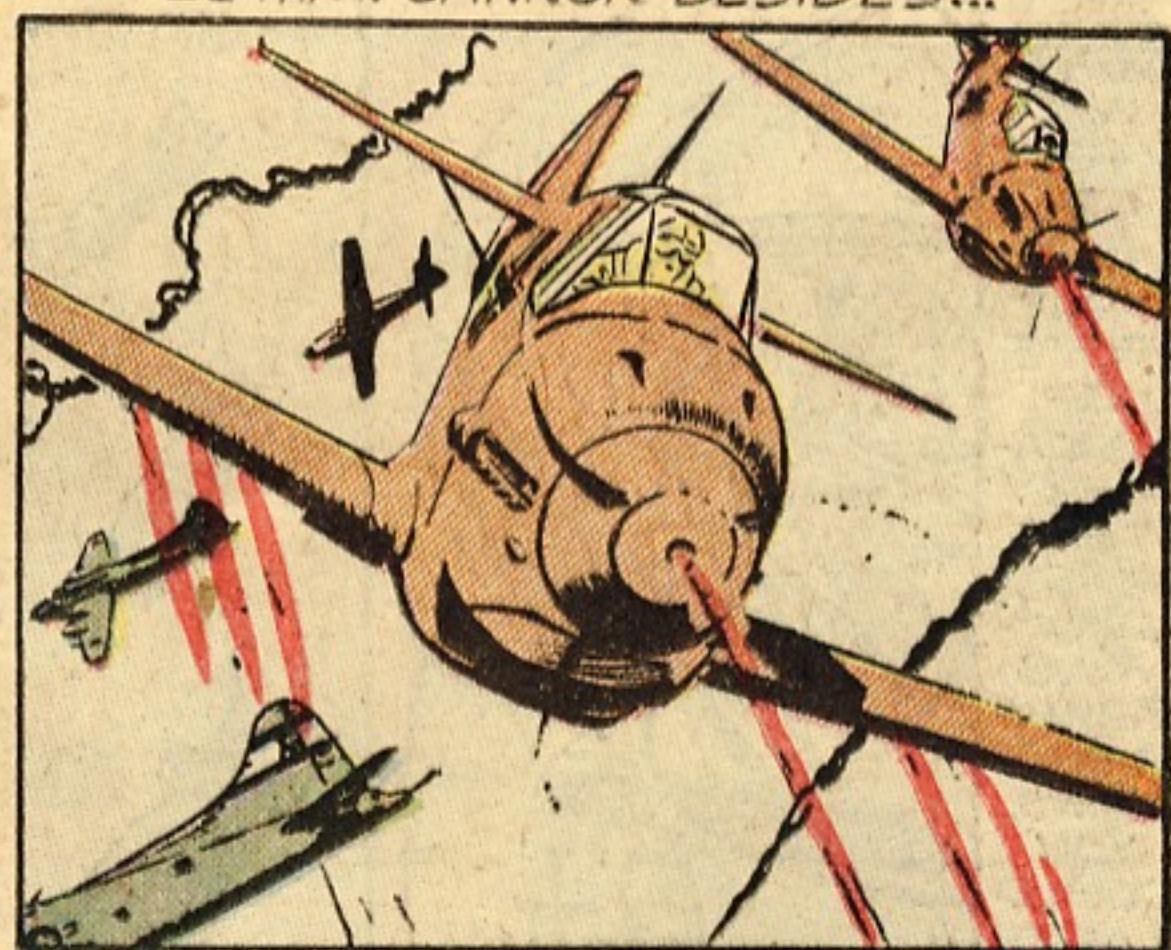
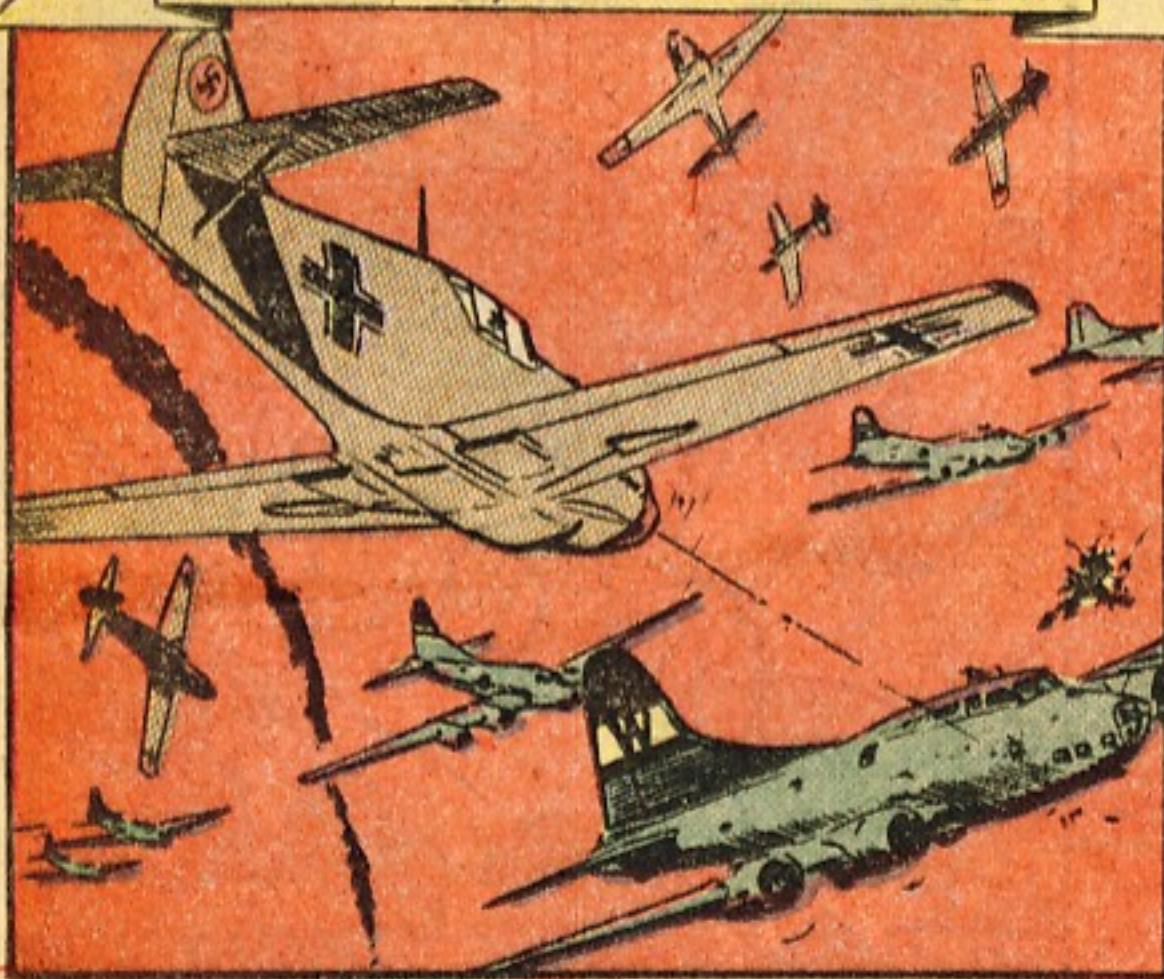
THIS IS A BROWNING
50 CALIBRE MACHINE
GUN! IT SHOOTS 673
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A MINUTE!
POWERFUL, ISN'T IT?

POWERFUL ENOUGH TO DESTROY
A GERMAN FIGHTER SHIP---

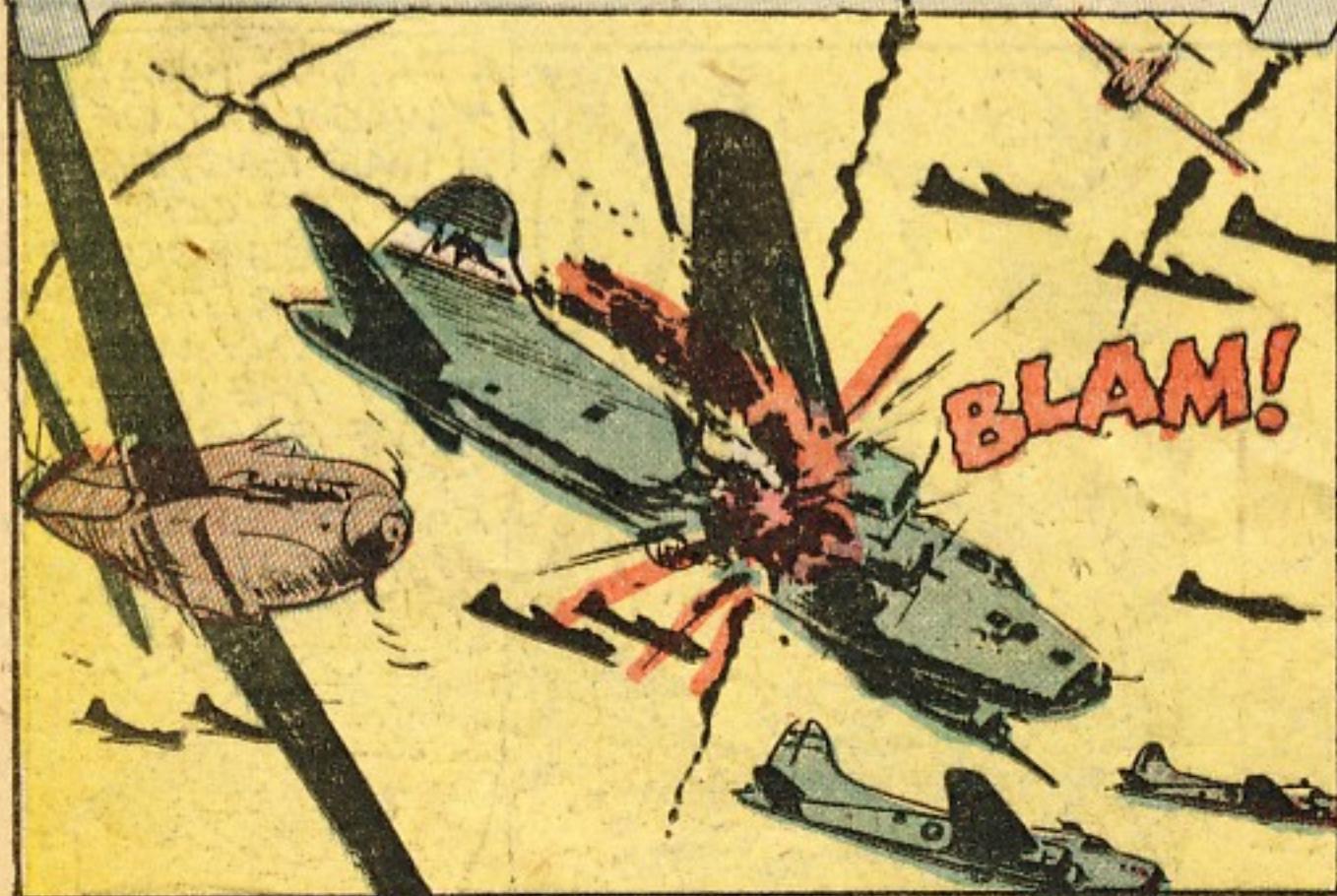


BUT THE GERMANS HAD GOOD
MACHINERY, TOO... VERY GOOD...

THEY, TOO, WERE ARMED WITH 50
CALIBRE MACHINE GUNS... AND A
20 MM. CANNON BESIDES...



... WHICH WAS GOOD ENOUGH TO THROW AT
OUR BOMBERS... MORE THAN ENOUGH!



WESTERN UNION?
A MESSAGE FOR
ME? MY SON
WAS SHOT DOWN
ON A RAID OVER
HAHN! OH, NO...
NO... NO!

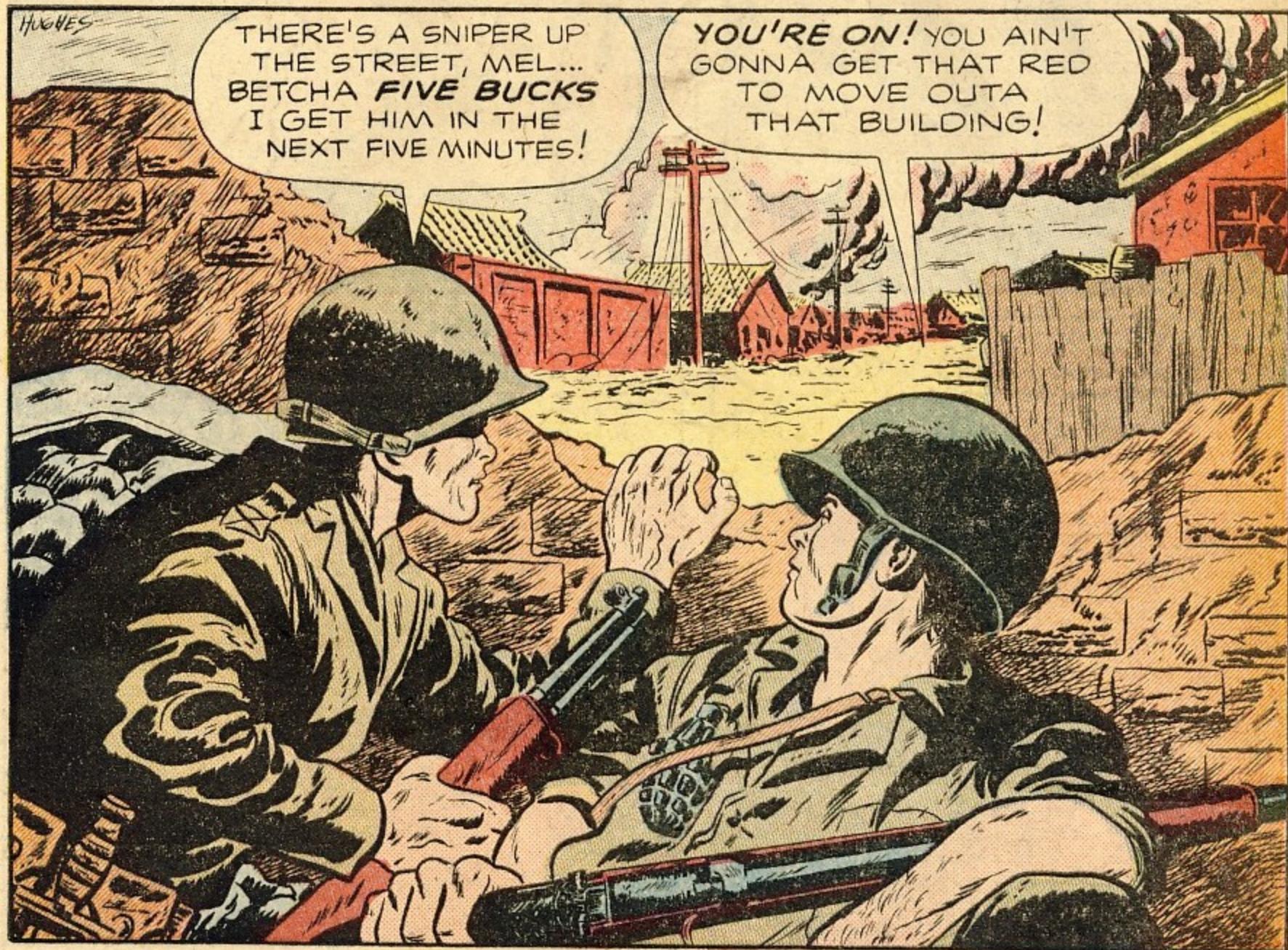


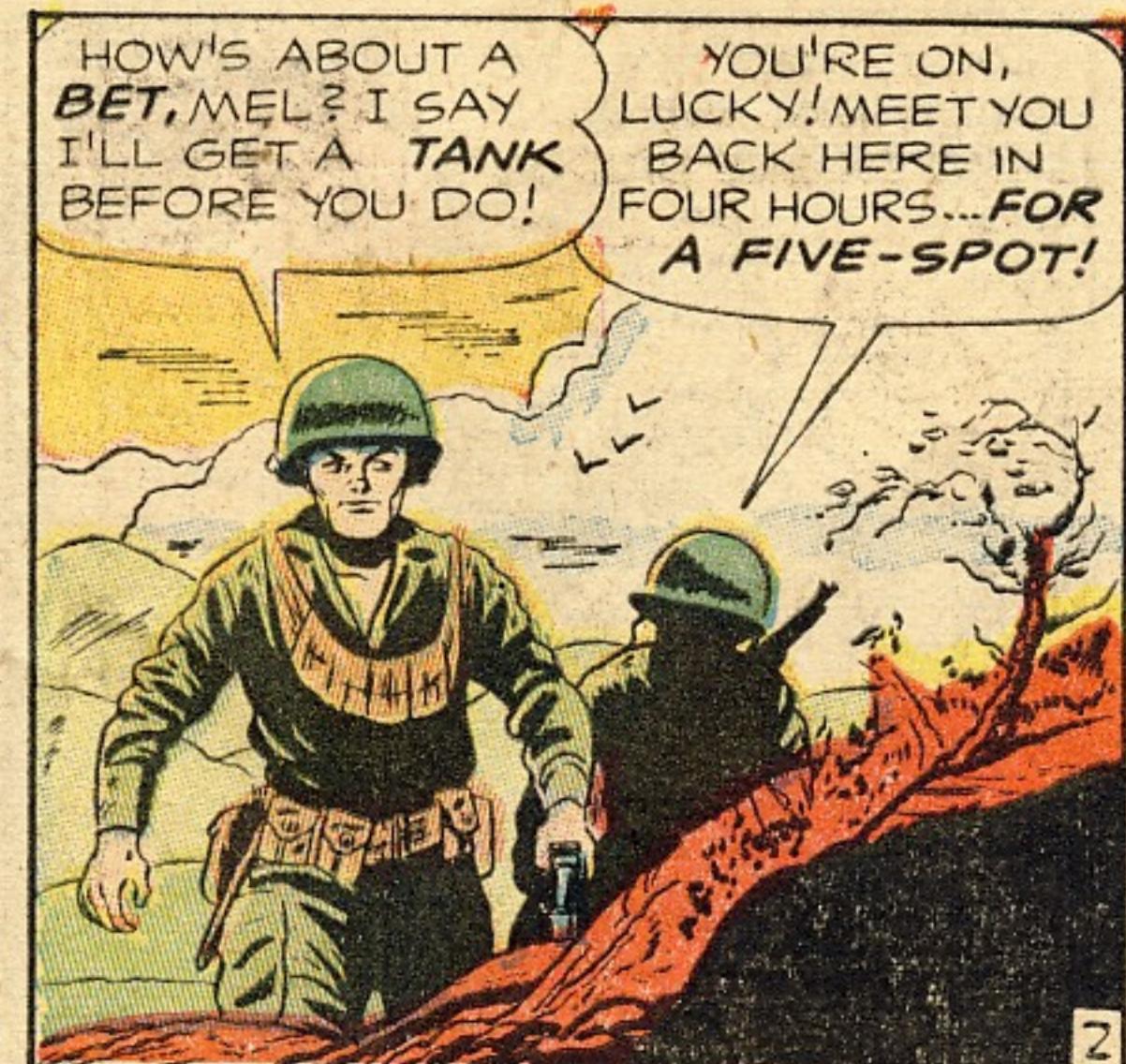
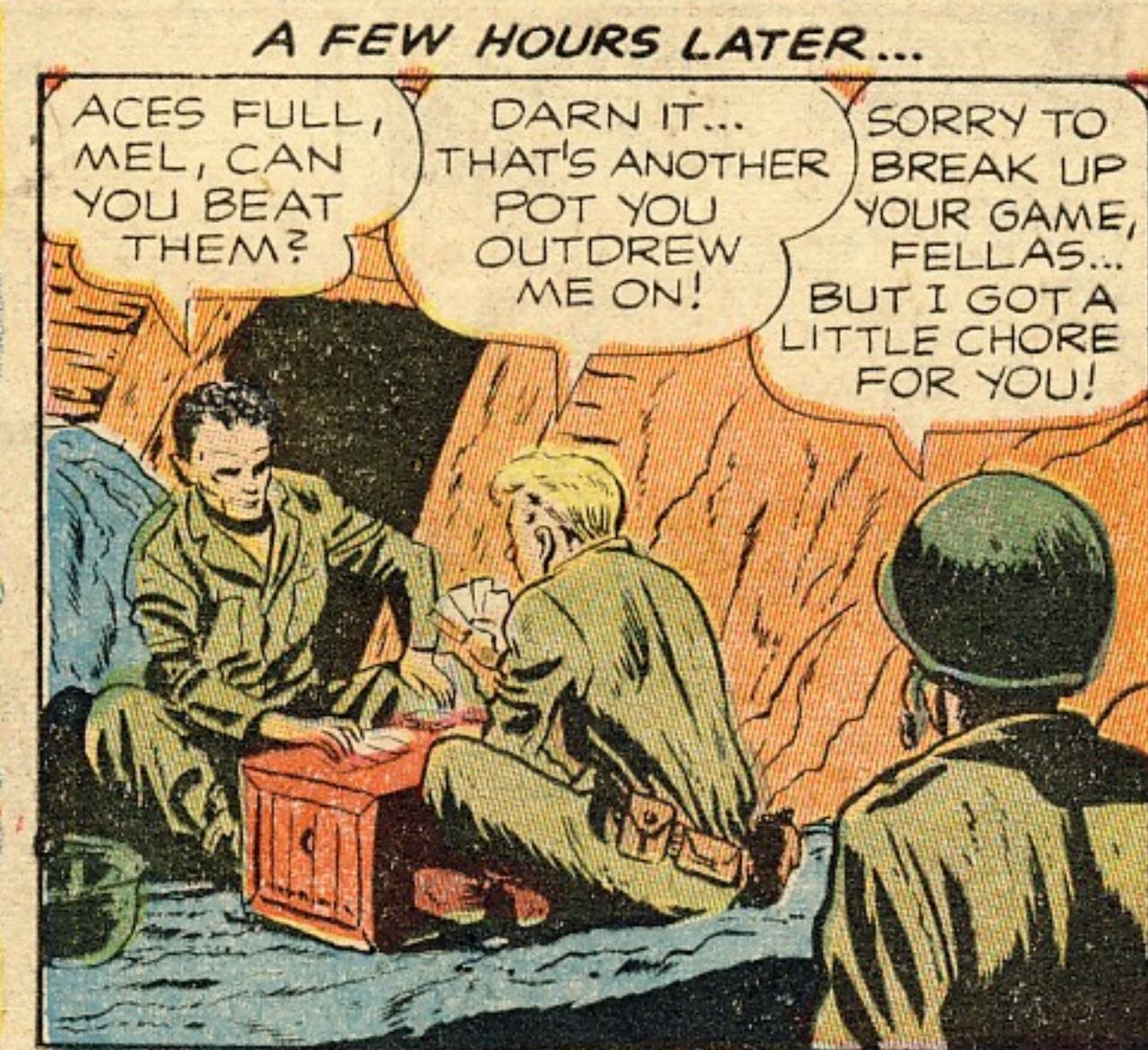
YES... WE LIVE IN AN AGE OF
MACHINERY! WE LIVE BY IT...
AND SOMETIMES, WE DIE BY IT...

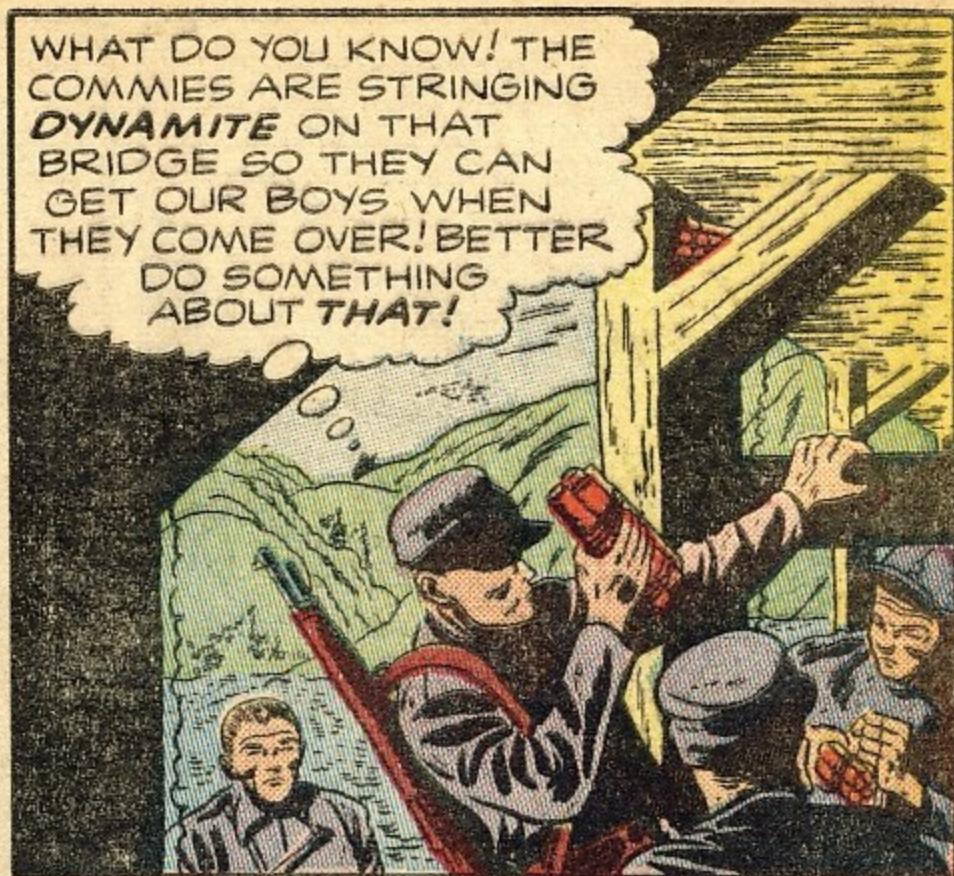
THE END.

YOU MEET THEM WHEREEVER YOU GO... THE GUY WHO'S WILLING TO TAKE A CHANCE ON ANYTHING... AND BET ABOUT IT! THE GUY WHO'LL BET ON A TURN OF A CARD... OR THE COLOR OF A GIRL'S HAIR! THIS IS A STORY OF A GUY LIKE THAT... OF LUCKY CARLSON...

THE GAMBLER

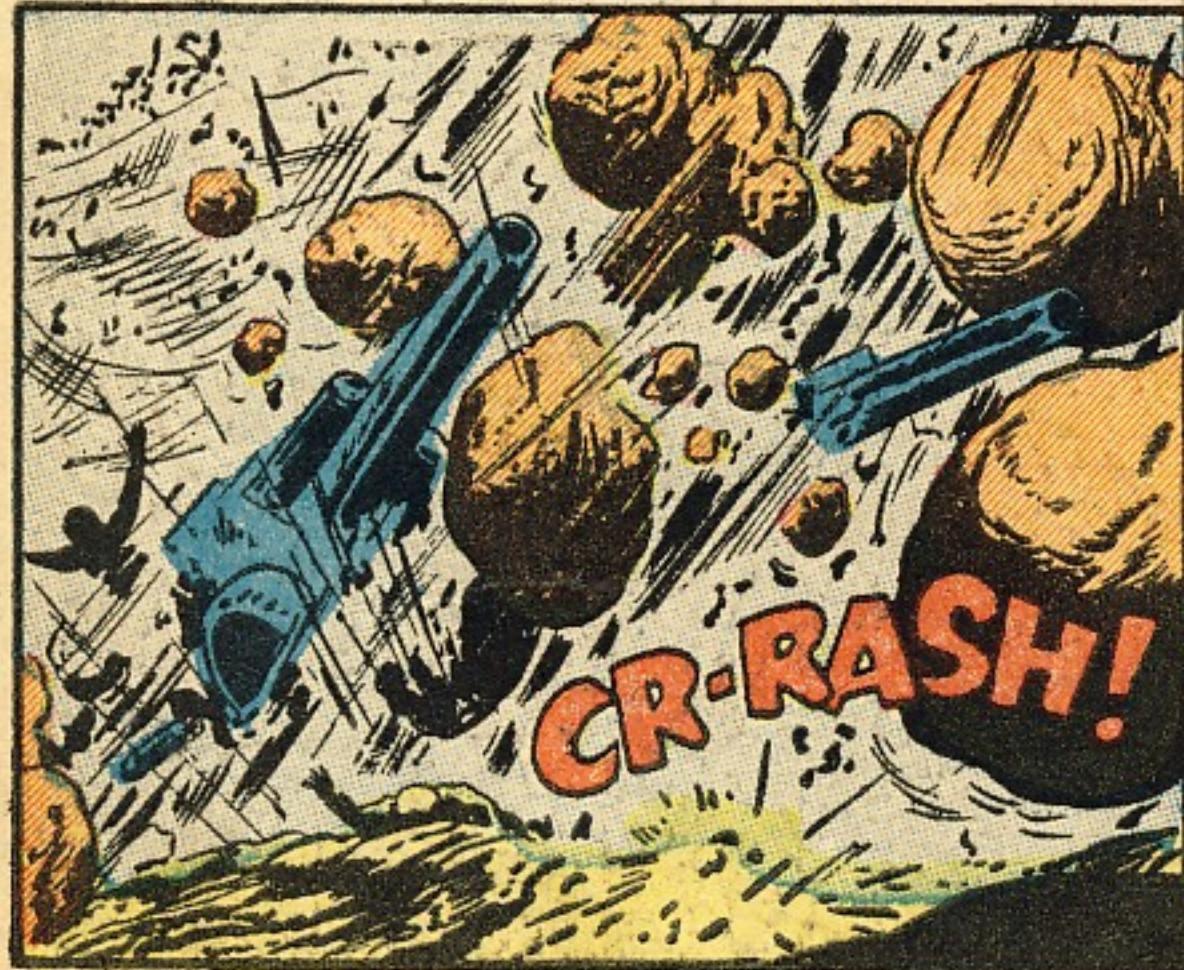








AND YOU CAN DO JUST AS MUCH DAMAGE WITHOUT BULLETS... ALL DEPENDS ON HOW MUCH OF A CHANCE YOU WANT TO TAKE...





GEE, THE FOUR HOURS ARE JUST ABOUT UP! BETTER GET BACK AND REPORT TO THE LIEUTENANT!



DEEPLY ENGROSSED IN HIS THOUGHTS, LUCKY DIDN'T SPOT THE AMBUSH THAT THE REDS HAD SET FOR HIM...



...BUT HIS LUCK HELD...

MISSED! BUT THAT WAS TOO CLOSE FOR COMFORT!



BACK AT HIS O.P., LUCKY MEETS HIS PAL, MEL...

I GOT ME A **TANK**, LUCKY! ONE OF THE NEW RUSSIAN ONES, TOO! HOW ABOUT YOU?

NAAW, I DIDN'T EVEN **SEE** ONE... DIDN'T EVEN COME CLOSE!



PAY UP, BOY... LOOKS LIKE YOUR LUCK'S RUN OUT!

YEAH, GUESS YOU'RE RIGHT... DIDN'T SEE A THING OUT THERE... DIDN'T EVEN DO NOTHING! GUESS I JUST DIDN'T TAKE ENOUGH **CHANCES** THIS TIME!



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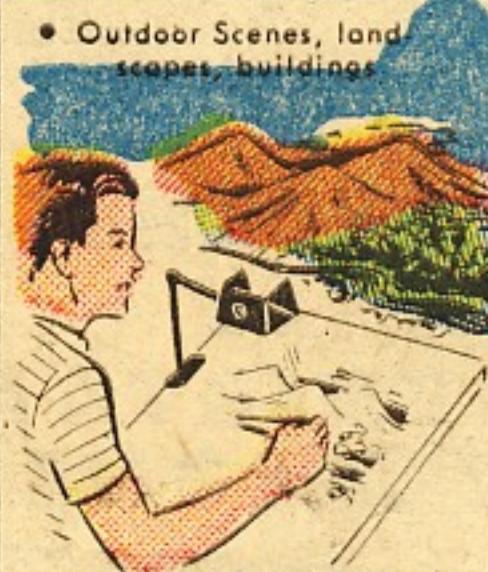
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